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The British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under contract with Government, despatch steamers as above with mails, passengers, and cargo, every fourteen days.

The steam-ship Himalaya, 1,341 Tons, 250 H. P., Commander J. H. Atkinson, will be despatched on Tuesday, the 12th October, at noon.

Oct.		Oct.
Leave Bombay.....12	Leave Gallo	19
„ Carwar 13	„ Negapatam	22
„ Mangalore..... 14	„ Madras	25
„ Cannanore..... 15	„ Coconada	27
„ Calicut 15	„ Vizagapatam.....	28
„ Beypore..... 16	„ Bimlipatam	28
„ Cochin 16	„ Gopalpore	29
„ Tuticorin 17	„ Pallee Point.....	30
„ Colombo 18	Arrive Calcutta.....	31

This route is the most expeditious and economical for passengers for the Nedgherrie district, Bangalore, and Madras, who can land at Calicut for Beypore, and proceed from thence by rail.

Passengers for Calcutta can take the same route picking up the steamer at Madras.

No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

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(Interchanging cargo and passengers at Bussorah, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company.)

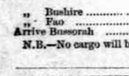
The British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under mail contract with Government, will despatch a steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at Kurrachee, Guadur, Muscat, Bunder Abbas, Lingas, Bushire, Fao, and Bussorah.

Ur. Oct.		Down. Nov.
Leave Bombay 18	Leave Bussorah	5
„ Kurrachee..... 23	„ Fao	5
„ Gundur 26	„ Bushire	8
„ Muscat 26	„ Linga	9
„ Bunder Abbas..... 27	„ Bunder Abbas.....	11
„ Lingas 28	„ Muscat	13
Nov.		
„ Bushire 1	„ Gundur	15
„ Fao 2	„ Kurrachee.....	18
Arrive Bussorah 3	Arrives Bombay	20

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE



The British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under mail contract with Government, and in connection with the weekly service from England, despatch a steamer to Kurrachee every Monday at noon.

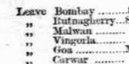
The steam-ship Martaban, 515 tons, 110 H. P., Commander W. A. Hibbert, will be despatched on Monday, the 11th October, at noon.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST.

Steamers LORD CLYDE, GENERAL HAVELOCK, GENERAL OUTRAM, and TILLY.



ONE of the above Steamers will be despatched every week to and from the Malabar Coast, calling at the intermediate Ports on the following days:—

Down Steamers.	Up Steamers.
Leave Bombay.....Saturday.	Leave Cochin .....Sunday.
„ Butnaghurry.....Sunday.	„ Beypore .....Monday.
„ Malwan „	„ Calicut „
„ Vingorla.....Monday.	„ Tellicherry...Tuesday.
„ Goa „	„ Cannanore „
„ Carwar „	„ Mangalore...Wednesday
„ Coompta „	„ Coompta ...Thursday.
„ Mangalore ...Tuesday.	„ Carwar „
„ Cannanore...Wednesday.	„ Goa „
„ Tellicherry..... „	„ Vingorla....Friday.
„ Calicut „	„ Malwan „
„ Beypore „	„ Butnaghurry Saturday.
Arrive Cochin.....Thursday.	Arrive Bombay.....Sunday.

The Steamer General Outram, Captain Teasdale, will be despatched according to the above table on SATURDAY, the 9th instant. For freight and passage apply to

SOWROJEEE BHICAJEE, Manager.

No. 6, Borah Bazaar Street, 4th October, 1869.

NOTICE.—Consignees of CARGO per Ship NELSON, Rands, Master, from Liverpool, are requested to send off Boats alongside the ship to receive delivery of their goods, otherwise the same will be landed as they come to hand at the risk and expense of the concerned.

Captain Lands will not be responsible for the condition of any package after it leaves the ship's deck.

FINLAY, SCOTT, & Co.

Bombay, 5th October, 1869.

NOTICE.—Consignees of Cargo per ship MARY and EMMA, arrived from Mauritius, are requested to forward their Delivery Orders, accompanied by Bills of Lading, for our countersignature and to pay their Freight to us, and to send off Boats at once for the Cargo, otherwise the Goods will be landed as they come to hand at the expense and risk of the concerned, as provided for in the Bills of Lading.

Captain Thomson will not be responsible for the condition of any package after it leaves the ship's deck.

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WANTED, an experienced NATIVE BOOK KEEPER for a Commercial Firm in Kurrachee. Salary Rs. 150 per mensem. Address to the Manager of this Journal.

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Solution of Goa Powder (Liquor Acidæ Salicylici) .....12 as. „	

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Bombay, 30th January 1869. D. S. KEMP & Co.

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The s. s. NEERA, 2,300 Tons, Captain Hanscom, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 18th October.

STEARNS, HOBART, & Co.

OVERLAND PASSENGERS.

Gentlemen proceeding Home will find all that is requisite in the following detailed list; the Goods being made specially for the passage and Home wear:—

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½ Dozen Silk and Wool Shirts.	1 Rug with Straps,
½ „ Under Vests.	1 Mand.
2 „ Linen Collars,	1 Inverness Cape.
1 „ Fine Cotton Socks.	1 Hand Portmanteau.
1 „ Fine Merino Socks.	2 Overland Trunks.
1 „ Fine Merino Drawers.	1 Clothes Bag.
½ „ Colored Handkerchiefs.	1 Travelling Hat,
1 „ White Cambric.	1 Courier Bag.
1 Overland Suit.	1 Easy Chair.
2 Sleeping Suits.	1 Umbrella.
2 Pairs of Kid Gloves.	1 Pair of Brushes.
6 Scarfs and Ties.	Ladies' Overland Trunks.

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Bombay. BADHAM & Co., Apollo House.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE BOMBAY MECHANICS' BUILDING COMPANY (Limited).—At the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, held October 5th, 1870, a DIVIDEND of FIVE PER CENT on the paid-up Capital WAS DECLARED. Notice is hereby given, that Dividend Warrants for the same can be obtained at the Company's Office, No. 1, Albion Place, Byculla, every MONDAY and THURSDAY mornings, between the hours of 7 and 8 A.M. Share Certificates must be produced when applying for Dividend Warrants.

J. R. K. JOHNSON, Secretary.

Company's Office, 1 Albion Place, 6th October, 1869.

BOMBAY, BARODA, AND CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY.—The Company's NEW DEPOT for GOODS TRAFFIC, at Carnac Bunder, is now in FULL OPERATION, and the Public can forward Goods to and from Carnac Bunder or Grant Road Stations conveniently, the rates to and from each Station being the same.

The Company's rates include delivery but not collection in Bombay.

Full particulars of rates can be had upon application to

J. R. DUXBURY,
Traffic Manager.

General Offices, Bombay, 6th October, 1869.

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA (Limited).—A DIVIDEND for the half year ended 30th June, 1869, at the rate of 6 per cent, per annum, or Rs. 3-12 per share, will be PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 11th instant, to the Proprietors registered in the Books of the Bank on the 4th instant. By order of the Board of Directors,

JAMES WINDRAM, Manager.

Bombay, 6th October, 1869.

NOTICE is hereby given, that LUIS FRANCISCO RODRIGUES, of Bombay, Portuguese Inhabitant, has agreed to MORTGAGE all that piece of FAZENDAREE LAND, situate in Candawaddy Lane, outside the Fort of Bombay, measuring 50 feet in breadth and 118 feet in length, with the building or dwelling-house standing thereon; and assessed by the Collector of Assessment under No. 20, and bounded on the north by the house of Nicolao Pereira, on the east by the house of Bala Dinnajee, on the south by the house of Ignacio Mendonca, and on the west by a public passage, in the sub-District of Mandeshwar. All persons having claims thereon, by way of mortgage, inheritance, gift, lease, or otherwise, are hereby required to give notice thereof, in writing, to the undersigned, within 14 days from this date, otherwise the mortgage will be completed without regard to such claims.—Dated this 5th day of October, 1869.

L. G. D'SOUZA,
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FOR SALE, a splendid BYCICLE, made by the Parisian Velocipede Company. The same is quite new and of a very superior finish. Price Rs. 200.—Apply to the Manager of this Paper.

WANTED, a BAR-KEEPER. Satisfactory reference required. No one need apply who does not properly understand the business. Apply by letter to R.D., "Bombay Gazette" Office.

MR. W. G. STRETTON, recently arrived from Paris and London, begs to ANNOUNCE to his FRIENDS and the PUBLIC of Bombay that he is ABOUT TO OPEN a PHOTOGRAPHIC ESTABLISHMENT in Byculla, THE BYCULLA STUDIO. Removed from the business part of the City, and attached to a Bungalow surrounded by a large compound, the above Studio will not only afford great facilities for the exercise of the Photographic Art, but will enable the most perfect arrangements to be made for the comfort and convenience of the public: Ladies especially will find the internal arrangements and the private character of the Establishment particularly acceptable.

With the experience acquired in the latest improvements of the Art from his recent connection with the eminent Firm of Messrs. Mayer et Pierson, of Paris, together with a supply of *material* of the most approved manufacture, Mr. Stretton is enabled to guarantee first class work only.

The Studio will be opened about the 15th instant, due notice of which will appear.

AUCTION SALE of LANDED PROPERTY at ALLY OOMER STREET.—On MONDAY, the 18th October, at 4 P.M., Messrs. HEERALALL & Co. will SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION, on the premises, in pursuance of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the 16th day of December, 1867, by order of the Mortgagee, Lodhabhai Ebrahim, on account and risk of the mortgagor, Oosman Khan bin Mahomed Khan, all that piece or parcel of Government Ground, with the messuage or tenement dwelling erected, built, and standing thereon, situate, lying, and being without the Fort of Bombay, fronting on the west side of Ally Oomer Street, in the sub-district of Bhoolehwur, registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Nos. 961 and 167, assessed by the Collector of Assessment under No. 72, containing by admeasurement 105 6-9 square yards or thereabouts, and bounded as follows:—On the east by a sweeper's passage, on the west by the aforesaid Ally Oomer Street, on the north by the house of Goolam Hussain Patell, on the south by the house of Goolam Mustafer bin Shaik Mahomed Dankee.

For further particulars apply at the office of the undersigned, No. 9, Hummum Street, Fort. HEERALALL & Co.

SALE BY AUCTION.—On MONDAY, the 11th instant, Messrs. BOMANJEE DOSSABHOY & Co. will SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION, at their Rooms, in Meadow Street, the handsome HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., &c., of Lieutenant C. Christian, R. A., and other gentlemen, who have left the Presidency, the same comprising glass, crockery and plated wares, the handsomely open carved blackwood furniture, consisting of square, camp, round, dining, circular, pier, work, lady's, writing, dressing, and washing tables; easy, low bidding, long arm, rocking, drawing, and dining room chairs; half and full backed sofas and conversation couches with silk and imitation leather lining and springs; sideboards, teapoys, hat-stand, wardrobes, clothes presses, chests of drawers, English brass and iron and blackwood four posts bedsteads with and without matrasses and curtains, camp cots, Cleopatra couches, screens, carpets; one and two light plated and bronze Tucker's hanging, argand, wall, table, reading and sideboard lamps; mahogany dressing glasses, pictures, Parian figures, table ornaments, copper cooking utensils, and sundries.

BOMANJEE DOSSABHOY & Co.

Bombay, 6th October, 1869.

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Prepared from the receipt of an eminent Physician, and experience has fully justified their recommendation as the most speedy remedy in Irritation of the Throat, Catarrhal Coughs, Bronchitis, Incident Consumption, Spitting of Blood, &c., &c. To public speakers and vocalists they will be found invaluable, as they impart a clear and beautiful tone to the voice. Free from any preparation of Opium, and of an agreeable taste, they are applicable to all.

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NOTICES.

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SEASON 1869-70.

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Members who have signified their intention of subscribing will oblige by paying the amount due to the Treasurer.

Ladies and Gentlemen intending to subscribe are requested to be kind enough to send in their names without delay to the Honorary Secretaries.

H. S. BOSTOCK, } Joint Hon. Secretaries.
A. WAKE, }

NOTICE.—Messrs. W. PATTISON & Co., CONTRACTORS and PLUMBERS, &c., have REMOVED from No. 12, Forbes Street, to Marine Street, late Kinloch and Allan.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.—NOTICE.—For the accommodation of Passengers desiring to leave their Luggage, a Room has been established at Poonah Station, in which packages may be left in the Company's charge at the following rates:—

	Rs. a. p.
For the first 24 hours	0 1 0 per package
For every further period of 24 hours or part of 24 hours	0 0 4 „

HENRY CONDER,
General Traffic Manager.

Bombay, 29th September, 1869.

NOTICE.—To be SOLD by Public Auction, in Her Majesty's Dockyard, on THURSDAY, the 7th October, 1869, H. M.'s Screw Tug WADALIA, of 100 tons Gross Tonnage, and built of Iron, as she stands on the day of sale.

The above Tug is lying at Butcher's Island.

For terms and conditions of sale apply to the undersigned.

W. T. CROCKETT, Lieut., late I. N.,
Acting Marine Storekeeper.

Marine Storekeeper's Office, Bombay, 30th September, 1869.

NOTICE.—To be SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION in H. M.'s Dockyard, on MONDAY, the 11th inst., and the days following, a quantity of OLD and UNSERVICEABLE MARINE STORES, consisting of Awnings, old Canvas, Sails, Rope old (Coir and Europe), Boats, Masts, Yards, Hose Boxes, Cloth Coarse Blue, Iron, Brass, Copper, and Lead old cases, Casks, Tins, &c., also Tanks Iron and Elephant Slings, returned from Abyssinia. Terms of sale as usual, and for further particulars apply to the undersigned.

W. T. CROCKETT, Lieut. late I. N.,
Acting Marine Storekeeper.

Marine Storekeeper's Office, Bombay, 2nd October, 1869.

NOTICE.—To be SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION, in H. M.'s Dockyard, on THURSDAY, the 7th October, 1869, H. M.'s Steamer GOOLANAR, burden in Tons of 215. This Vessel is teak built, coppered, and copper fastened, with Engines of 40-Horse Nominal Power, complete, as she stands on the day of sale.

Terms of Sale—The Sale of the Vessel will not be considered final until the acceptance of the offer is sanctioned by Government. A deposit of 10 per cent is to be immediately paid down at the time of sale, and good security given by the Purchasers for the payment of the remainder, which must be paid within eight days after the acceptance of the offer by Government, or the deposit will be forfeited and the Vessel resold at the risk and loss of the Purchaser.

For further particulars apply to the undersigned.

W. T. CROCKETT, Lieut. late I. N.,
Acting Marine Storekeeper.

Marine Storekeeper's Office, Bombay, 24th September, 1869.

NOTICE is hereby given, that any PERSON who sells, or offers for sale, by RETAIL any TOBACCO in the City of Bombay, without a License from the Commissioner of Customs, Salt, and Opium, or other Officer duly empowered by Government in that behalf, will be proceeded against according to Law.

The License for the retail sale of Tobacco in the City of Bombay is in force for the period of 12 Calendar Months from the date hereof.

H. DANIELL,
Deputy Commissioner of Customs, P. D.

Bombay Custom House, 1st October, 1869.

ALLIANCE BANK of BOMBAY (Limited).—NOTICE is hereby given, that the MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Alliance Bank of Bombay (Limited) advertised to be HELD THIS DAY for the purpose of receiving the resignations of Messrs. P. E. Bendir and Damodhur Heerjee as Liquidators, and for appointing a Liquidator or Liquidators in their place and stead, is, in consequence of a quorum of Shareholders not having been present at the appointed time, ADJOURNED to MONDAY, the 11th day of October, instant, at 3 P.M., at the Registered Office of the Bank.

DAMODHUR HEERJEE,
For self & co-Liquidator.

Bruce Lane, Bombay, 4th October, 1869.

MUNICIPALITY of BOMBAY.

NOTICE to CONTRACTORS.

TENDERS are hereby invited for the construction of a Fountain and the erection of an Iron Railing with a Stone Base, Gates, &c., in the Elphinstone Circle, in the Fort of Bombay.

The plans, sections, and specification of Railing, &c., may be inspected, and the Form of Tender and Bill of Quantities may be obtained at the office of the undersigned.

Tenders written on the proper printed forms should be sent in on or before 12 o'clock on Friday, the 8th day of October, 1869, addressed to A. T. Crawford, Esquire, Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, Apollo Street, Fort.

The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By order of the Municipal Commissioner,
C. THEVENAZ, C. E.,
Acting Executive Engineer, Bombay Municipality.

Bombay, Executive Engineer's Office, 25th September, 1869.

THE COORLA SPINNING and WEAVING COMPANY (Limited).—NOTICE is hereby given, that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Coorla Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited, will be HELD at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 14, Apollo Street, Fort, on THURSDAY, the 7th October, 1869, at 2 P.M., to transact the following business:—

I.—To confirm the following Special Resolutions, passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders, held on the 7th September, 1869:—

1.—That the Coorla Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited, be wound up voluntarily.

2.—That Mr. Byramjee Cursetjee be appointed Liquidator on remuneration of Rs. 1,000 only.

II. To pass the following Resolution:—

1.—That the Liquidator be authorised to exercise all the powers given by Section 174 of Act X. of 1866.

By order of the Board of Directors,
CASSUMBHOY DHURUMSEY,
Secretary, Treasurer, and Agent.

Bombay, 18th September, 1869.

N.B.—The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st till 7th October (both days inclusive).

INDO-EUROPEAN TELEGRAPH COMPANY (Limited).—DIRECT TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION with GREAT BRITAIN and IRELAND, via the PERSIAN GULF, PERSIA, RUSSIA, PRUSSIA, and the NORDERNEY SUB-MARINE CABLE to LONDON.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the TELEGRAPHIC LINES of this Company, via the above-mentioned routes, WILL BE OPENED for the TRANSMISSION of MESSAGES, about the middle of November or beginning of December of the present year, when such modifications will be introduced in the tariff as will greatly facilitate telegraphic correspondence.

The telegraphs of the Company will be worked by English telegraphists, from end to end; and this great desideratum, together with the absolute control of the traffic, to be exercised by the Company, cannot fail to effect a very considerable reduction of the time now occupied in the transmission of messages between India and the United Kingdom and the Continent of Europe.

The errors and mutilation of messages, which are now so universally complained of, will be reduced to a minimum. Unity of management, combined with the new system of automatic telegraphy to be introduced upon the Company's lines, cannot fail to produce this result.

By order of the Board,
H. WEAVER, Secretary.

General Offices of the Company, 16, Telegraph Street, Moorgate Street, London.

THE undermentioned undelivered REPAIRS are to be REMOVED from our Establishment before the expiration of the current year:—

1862.—Captain Winckler,—1 clock and 2 watches, 1 brooch.

1863.—Manisty, Esq.,—1 clock; W. J. Morgan, Esq.,—1 pair of spectacles.

1865.—R. S. Patterson, Esq., Broker,—1 clock; Ellei Jones, Esq., Solicitor,—1 watch with chain; Joseph Tun. Esq., Contractor Akola,—1 watch; W. R. Collins, Esq., s. s. Euphrates,—1 watch key; H. R. Lacey. Nassick,—1 solitaire button; Mrs. Verzal,—1 ring; Captain W. H. Mackesy, 70th Highlanders,—1 watch.

1866.—Cruickshank, Esq., Oriental Bank,—1 breast-pin; the late Major Hayward,—1 chain; C. J. Angre, Esq.,—1 watch; McPherson, Esq.,—1 do., Major G. A. Loughton (Mahim),—a pair of spectacles; E. M. Fergo, Esq.,—2 lotteries.

1867.—Drennan, Esq.,—1 ring; Lieut. Ottley, 2nd Cavalry Hyderabad Contg., Aurungabad,—1 breast-pin; James A. Murray, Esq., G. I. P. R., Kurjat,—1 watch.

1868.—Captain sanders,—1 hair chain.

1869.—J. Rose, Esq., H. M. S. Forte,—1 locket; Chalmers, Esq.,—1 watch with chain; Rev. Mr. W. Wilkinson, Lahore,—1 watch; Mrs. Davies (Customs)—1 chain.

ROSSELET & Co.

Bombay, 1st October, 1869.

FOR SALE, by Private Contract, the undermentioned properties at BROACH, viz.:—

A piece of LAND situate at Vizulpore, measuring 54,783 square yards, with the Cotton Ginning Manufactory, Dwelling Houses, Godowns, and Outhouses standing thereon, and all the Machinery, Tools, &c., thereto belonging.

A piece of CULTIVATED LAND known by the name of "Rukcumjee's Vuzeefa," situate at Vizulpore, measuring 36,322 square yards.

A piece of GARDEN GROUND situate at Vizulpore, measuring 4,695 square yards, with the Bungalow, Stable, and Outhouses standing thereon.

A piece of GROUND situated in the Town, measuring 7,759 square yards, with the Dwelling House, Stable, and Outhouses standing thereon, known by the name of Mingael De Souza's Bungalow.

A piece of GROUND situate in the Town, measuring 897 square yards, with the Dwelling House standing thereon, now in the occupation of Byramshaw Dhunjeebhoy.

A piece of GROUND situate in the Town, measuring 2,463 square yards, with the Dwelling House and Outhouses standing thereon, known as Ardaseer's house.

The REMAINDER of a LEASE of 99 years, dated 11th April 1857, of the garden called Begum Bary, measuring 2,822½ square yards, with the Dwelling House, Stable, and Outhouses standing thereon.

For further particulars apply to the MANAGER, LAND MORTGAGE BANK OF INDIA, Limited

Bombay, 13th September, 1869.

NOTICES.

KINLOCH and ALLAN have REMOVED their Office from 14 Meadow Street, to 3 Nesbit Lane, Fort.

MUSICAL BOXES, JEWELLERY, CLOCKS.—Our stock has been replenished, and offers the most complete assortment desirable.

FAVRE, LEUBA, & Co.

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KEYLESS WATCHES.—For which the undersigned have also obtained the only first class Prize Medal at the Broach Exhibition. This watch is pronounced by competent judges to be the most practical and best time-keeper ever produced.

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RS. 50 SILVER WATCH.—The only first class Prize Medal was obtained by the undersigned at the late Broach Exhibition for this Watch: its durability and excellent way of keeping time cannot be surpassed at the price.

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WE beg to call particular attention to the following announcement:—

1st. To our stock of Ice stored up at present, Three Thousand and five hundred Tons.

2nd. Shipments on the way.

Name of Vessel.	Date of Sailing.	Tons Shipped.
Saint Albans	July 10th	1493

3rd. Prices of Ice.—As regards the price of Ice, we are not bound to any particular tariff. Large buyers will always have an advantage over small ones. Steam Ship Companies, Transports, out-station Ice Depots, will find it to their advantage to communicate with us.

4th. Advantages offered to regular constituents or Book Customers.—We issue Pass Books, which are a great convenience, and serve to insure against fraud. In addition to convenience and protection against fraud, book customers as well as regular out-station constituents have a great advantage in being sure of supplies of Ice at all times at not above one anna per pound, or at less than an anna if our tariff is temporarily lowered. There is often a scarcity of Ice in Bombay. In times of scarcity, if we have reason to suppose that our supply will not be sufficient for the entire public, we shall only sell (except in cases where Ice is required for illness) to our book customers here and at out-stations. Even if we had sufficient supplies of Ice for all consumers here and at out-stations, we should feel justified in raising our price to all save book customers.

With a safe sup

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SHARE MARKET.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Market weak and declining.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

Number of Shares.	Nomi. value of sh.	Paid up.	Last dividend.	Names.	Cash Rates per Share.
	Rs.		p. a.		
100,000	100	all	10 p.c.	Agra Bank	110
22,000	1,000	all	8 p.ct.	Bank of Bengal	1650
10,000	500	all	6 p.ct.	Ditto of Bombay New	620
10,000	500	100		Ditto 2nd Res. Issue	205
5,250	1,000	all	12 p.ct.	Ditto of Madras	1,600
20,000	250	all	6 p.ct.	Chartered Mercantile Bk. of L. L. & China	340
40,000	200	all	8 do.	Chartered Bk. of L. & C.	260
37,500	250	125	8 do.	National Bank of India	143
60,000	250	all	12 do.	Oriental Bank	449

LAND COMPANIES.

4,000	5,000	all	Rs. 65	Colaba Land Co.	1730
10,800	1,000	all	Rs. 30	Elphinstone Land	1020
10,800	1,000	650	,, 11-14	Do. New	660
8,000	150	all	Nil	Freze Land & Pier Co. Ld	219
2,000	5,000	4,100	Nil	Mazagon Land	1210
5,000	2,000	1,4	Nil	Port Canning	380

PRESS COMPANIES.

150	5,000	2,850	35 ps.	Akbar Cotton Press Co.	2,325
200	2,000	1,100	200 ps.	Albert Co. Kurrachee	700 e.d.
250	3,000	850	240 ps.	Alexandria Press Co.	570 ,,
	12,000	11,000	175 ps.	Apollo Press Co.	8,200 ,,
200	2,000	all	375 ps.	Bombay Press Co.	2,085
200	500	all	30 ps.	Do. New	525
500	1,800	all	87 ps.	Colaba Press Co.	11,000
350	2,000	all	...	East India Press Co.	1,100
150	3,000	all	1000	Fort Press Co.	10,200
300	2,000	1,800	100 ps.	Framji Cowasji Press	1,275
200	5,000	all	425 ps.	Hydraulic Press Co.	3,250 e.d.
1000	5,000	2,000	100 ps.	Kurrachee Press Co.	875 ,,
2,500	1,000	500	...	Mofus. Press & G. Co.	280
120	2,500	all	350	Prince of Wales Press	2,700
225	2,000	750	...	Victoria Press, Madras	1,075 e.d.
150	2,000	all	...	Tranevelly Press Co.	1,050

(* Per share for the half-year.)

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

...	£2	218.3.4	p. c.	G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock 228
...	£2	109 1.5	do.	Do. New £20 shares 198
...	£ 4	43.10.2	do.	Do. Do.
...	£10	1,000	do.	B. B. & C. I. Railway Co. 1160
...	£12	196.5.1	do.	Do. New Shares 195

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

400	2,000	1,700	50	Albert Mills Co.	870
900	2,500	all	90 p.a.	Alliance Spinning	1,650
100	5,500	all	...	Bombay	2,800
900	1,000	all	10 p.c.	Bombay United	740
300	500	all	...	Broach Mills	250
300	5,000	all	...	Coorla Spinning	1,350
750	2,000	all	150 p.a.	Great Eastern	1345
2,000	1,000	all	50	Manockji Petit's	760
800	2,500	all	...	Oriental	1,275
600	2,500	2,300	...	Royal	1,400

(* For the half year.)

MISCELLANEOUS.

1,000	2,500	1,500	...	Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation	990
4,000	50	all	3	Mechanics' B'ld'g's Co.	35
500	2,000	200	9	Kurrachee Landing and Shipping Company	190
2,000	500	all	Nil	Treacher & Co.	260

BANKS IN LIQUIDATION.

		Date of Liquidation.		
600	50	Jan. '65	Bank of Bombay	50
25	125	...	Do. China	5½
200	25	Sept. '67	B'bay Trdg & B'kg	6
200	40	Sept. '67	Brokers' Bank	15
250	...	Mar. '68	Central Bank	5
...	...	...	East India Bank's	15–16
200	10	Feb. '67	Indian Peninsula	6
200	63	May '67	Royal Bank	12
120	66	Apr. '67	Old Financial	8

COMPANIES IN LIQUIDATION.

5,200	1,750	Nov. '66	Back Bay Co.	560
2,500	2,000	...	B'bay & Bengal S. S.	100
5,000	2,000	...	Bombay Ship Co.	100

EXCHANGE.

On	Terms.	Rate.
London	At sight	1s. 11¾d.
London Banks	6 months' sight	1s. 11 11/16d.
Do. Credits	6 Do. do.	1s. 11 13/16d.
Do. Documents	6 Do. do.	1s. 11 15/16d. to 2s.
Calcutta	At sight	109 3/8
Do.	30 days' sight	109
Do.	60 days' sight	99
Madras	At sight	100
Do.	30 days' sight	99
China	60 Do. do.	227

BANK OF BOMBAY.

Government Securities	4 per cent
Mercantile Bills	

PRICES OF BULLION, &c.

Sovereigns each	Rs. 10-6
Bank of England Notes	,, 10-4
Carolus	,, 220
Mexican Dollars	,, 220
Five-Franc Pieces	,, 203
Bar Silver	,, 106-10
Gold Leaf	,, 15-1
Bar Gold 10 oz. English	,, 16
Australian Gold	,, 196-2-

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Five-and-a-half per cent	112 3/4
Five per cent.	108
Four per cent.	93 3/4
Five per cent. (Public Works Loan)	104
Five per cent. Debenture Loan 1866-67	105
15 years' Debenture Loans	100 nl
10 years' do. do.	102½
5 years' do. do.	105
Six per cent. Municipal Loan House Rate	104
Do. Do. Market Rate	103½

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—OCTOBER 6.

Montgomery, Ensign, 2nd Queen's, on duty, from Poona.
Guthrie, Major, 65th Regiment, on leave, from Mount Aboo.
Roberts, Lieutenant, Royal Artillery, on medical certificate, from Secunderabad.

POONA DIVISION ORDERS.

By Major-General the Honourable A. H. Gordon, C. B., Commanding P. D. A.

Poona, 4th October, 1869.

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will see the Poona Brigade and the A.-D.-C. and Dets. Batteries of Royal Artillery from Kirkee in drill order, on Wednesday, the 6th instant, at 7 to 8 A. M. on the Poona general parade-ground. Corps to turn out as strong as possible. No ammunition required.

ARMY GENERAL ORDERS.

By His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

Poona, 4th October 1869.

The undermentioned officers are appointed to do duty with the invalids, time-expired men, &c., under orders to embark for England on the 8th inst. per H. M.'s Indian troop ship Malabar:—

Brevet Major W. Twemlow, 19th Hussars.
Captain J. Warre, 2nd Battalion, 24th Foot.
Captain R. Cumming, 59th Foot.
Captain C. Hatton, 97th Foot.
Lieutenant R. Younghusband, 2nd Battalion 24th Foot.
Lieutenant E. Randolph.
Lieutenant L. Goodhall, 59th Foot.
Lieutenant R. Bruce, 59th Foot.
Lieutenant C. Moore, 59th Foot.
The senior officer to command.

Poona, 5th October, 1869.

Assistant Surgeon A. J. Leggatt is appointed to the medical charge of the 28th Regiment, N. I., vice Surgeon Bain.

The following extract of Horse Guards General Order, No. 88 of 1869, is published for information:—

"Revised Regulations for the instruction, formation, and movements of the Cavalry have been approved, and are to be strictly adhered to throughout the service."

Officers of Bombay Native Cavalry Regiments are directed to provide themselves with the Book at once.

The undermentioned officer returned to duty by permission of the Secretary of State for India on the 1st October 1869:—

Captain W. T. Eden, Staff Corps.

The following transfers of Kotwals are ordered:—

Kotwal Abdul Kadir, from Aden to Deesa.
Kotwal Jamsetjee Jehangheerjee, from Deesa to Aden.
The Aden Kotwal will proceed to Deesa on being relieved.

SHIPPING.

DAILY FREIGHT REPORT—6TH OCTOBER.

			Nom. p. ton
London	Cotton	No ship loading.	
	Cases		,,
	Seeds		,,
Liverpool	Iron ships Cotton	£1 10s. 0d. to £1 17s. 6d.	,,
	Wooden Ships ,,	£1 10s. 0d. to £1 12s. 6d.	
	Myrabolns & Cair bdls	£0 10s. 0d. to £0 12s. 6d.	
	Seeds	£0 15s. 0d. to £0 17s. 6d.	
Havre	Cotton	£2 0s. 0d.	Nominal
	Coffee	Nominal	
Overland	Steamers	£3 10s. 0d. to £3 15s. 0d.	
	Steamer Cotton	Rs. 10 per bale.	
China	,, Opium	Rs. 25 to 30 per chest.	
	Sailing Ships		Nominal
Calcutta	Salt	Rs. 3 0 0 to 4 0 0 per ton.	
Calcutta to Bombay		Rs. 13 to 14 and Calcutta Port Charges	
Mauritius		8 annas per bag nominal.	

ARRIVALS.

Oct.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
6	The Douglas (s)	Sana	Melbourne, Aug. 6.
	Princess Dagmar	Lewis	Newcastle, July 14.

DEPARTURE.

Oct.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
6	Waterloo	Kelly	Rangoon.

The steamer Tapee, to Kattywar Coast, began to load yesterday.

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Sept. 29	Sinla (P. & O. S.)	Woodcott	...	Calcutta.
30	Ripsima Anna Maria	Porter	...	Cuddalore.
	Boddelas	Chizzan	...	Cocanada.
Oct. 1	Meinam (F. S.)	Gonvain	...	Pondicherry.
	Punjab (s)	Parker	...	N. Ports.

DEPARTURES

Sept. 30	Lucelles	...	Galle.
	Repsimia Guna Maria	...	Tranore.
Oct. 1	Meinam (P. S.)	...	Calcutta.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per F. S. Meinam—From Marseille to Madras—Mrs. Jattard.
For Galle—Mr. Grant, Rev. Bouquet, Mr. Mayne, and Mrs. Brewse.
For Pondicherry—Rev. Lequeux, Rev. de Gelis, Rev. Fricand, Mr. Sut[illegible]eland, and one native.
Per s. s. Punjab—Colonel Irvin, Royal Artillery, Lieutenant Law, M[illegible] H. Harding, Dr. Miller, Mr. Douse and child, 132 Governme[illegible] passengers, and 20 deck.

PASSENGERS SAILED.

Per Meinam, P. S.—From Madras to Calcutta—Mr. and Mrs. Brookes and child.

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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS ONE RUPEE, AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

MADRAS.

BIRTHS.

BIRD—September 26th, at Tanjore, the wife of Charles Augustus Bird, Esq., C.S., of a son.

FIRTH—September 29th, at Bangalore, the wife of Lieutenant-Colonel H. H. Firth, 36th Regiment N. I., of a daughter.

GLASSON—September 28th, at Kudatota, Adoni, Bellary District, the wife of James St. Clair Glasson, Esq., of a daughter.

DEATH.

COCKBURN—September 28th, at Kotagherry, Neilgherries, M. D. Cockburn, Esq., late of the Madras Civil Service, in the eighty-first year of his age.

NORTH-WEST PROVINCES, &c.

BIRTHS.

LIOT—September 20th, at Mussoorie, the wife of Captain Liot, Artillery, of a daughter.

BARNES—September 21st, at Scalkote, the wife of Captain Barnes, 10th Bengal Lancers, of a son.

ANDERSON—September 22nd, at Hyde Vale, Simla, the wife of Lieutenant-Colonel H. Cortlandt Anderson, Staff Corps, Commanding 13th Regiment N. I., of a son.

MUIR—September 25th, at Aboo, the wife of W. J. W. Muir, Esq., Officiating Political Agent, Banowtie, of a son.

RIVETT-CARNAC—September 29th, at Ghazeepore, the wife of C. F. Rivett-Carnac, Esq., C.S., of a daughter.

NOTICE.

All CHEQUES, MONEY ORDERS, and other Remittances sent to this office, should be made payable to the "Proprietor of the *Bombay Gazette*."
Bombay Gazette Office, Bombay.

The Bombay Gazette

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1869.

A WRITER, who signs himself "A. W. C.," has taken the somewhat unusual course of replying in the columns of a contemporary to an article we published on the 6th of last July. His excuse for the long delay is that our poor comments on the "Anti-Carwar Railway Petition," a document long dead and buried in Bombay, were "unworthy of notice" until they reappeared in the *Cotton Supply Reporter*. That is all a matter of taste; but "A. W. C." is surely to be pitied if he cannot estimate the worth of a thing except through the type of the cotton journal. When we come to the answer we find at once the sort of mind we have to deal with. He says our article was *calculated* to mislead—whether "from ignorance or deliberate intention" he does not know. But everybody else knows that if a thing is calculated to mislead it must have been done with deliberate intention, or what is the calculation worth? Further on the writer illustrates still more plainly his own ignorance of the meaning of words and sentences. On the 6th of July we wrote as follows:—"Now that the public are in possession of the Anti-Carwar Railway petition, they will be at a loss to imagine why *such* a document should have been got up secretly and circulated among the select few who were supposed to agree with its object." How does our enlightened critic treat this sentence. He misses the meaning altogether, supplies his intellectual defect by an adjective and calls it "venemous," and quotes only the latter half. The point of the sentence is that it should have been thought worth while to keep secret such a trivial petition. It *was* kept secret. The document was shown to us on condition that we would not use our knowledge, and one of its promoters knows that we kept our word. Where is the venom of emphasizing bad generalship? It was the work of a select few, for we are sure that the gentlemen who signed it will not deny that they are few and select. Yet, our critic with the inappreciative and indiscriminating mind, can only reply to an allegation of bad and useless tactic by the misuse of the word "venemous." He is also at "a loss to understand" why a Chamber of Commerce should not lay down the law about military routes. That is a frank confession of incompetence which we are glad to recognize. He evidently thinks, however, that the Committee of the Chamber is as well able to judge as the Quartermaster General. That may be so. But still they are speaking as organs of a Chamber of Commerce and not of a Chamber of Commerce and of War.

We now arrive at two more examples of that intellectual density which we have before pointed out. He says, that having criticised the Committee, we plunge headlong into the subject and assert that, "if the Government wish to connect the South of India with the North, 'they would probably construct a branch line from Dhond.'" And after describing Dhond, he adds, "the remark is so absurd that it calls for no further comment." Now let us convict this blundering gentleman by reminding the reader of what we did say.

"There are two military and political objects which the Government of India has in view. One is a through communication between the South and North of India, without descending the Ghauts. A line from Munmar to Dhond would satisfy that object, and if the Government were disposed to prolong the line into the Dharwar country, they would probably prefer an extension from Dhond, and not a line from Sholapore, which would necessitate an expensive bridge over the Beema. The other object is precisely that which the petitioners oppose—direct communication from the sea to the Southern Mahratta Country. Carwar is the best port south of Bombay."

Why, we did not even use the phrase purporting to be quoted from us; much less express the opinion, or anything like it, which this writer has imputed to us. Is it not a fact that the Government do desire to connect the two railways above the Ghauts by linking Dhond to Munmar? And is it unreasonable to conjecture that, *if* they were disposed to prolong the line into the Dharwar country, they would probably prefer an extension from Dhond? But our critic did not see what we meant, and much is to be forgiven to the unconsciously blind. The second example of blindness is in stating, as he does, that, in speaking of the port of Carwar, we suppress "the fact that the port is closed from the moment the monsoon bursts on it until September." How can we suppress a fact which is not a fact? The inattentive critic asserts point blank that the B. I. S. N. Company's "powerful" steamers "leave off calling at Carwar in May and do not resume their visits until September." What *is* the worth of his statements? In the very issue of the *Bombay Gazette* of July 6, which contains the article our critic could not read aright, much less criticise, is an advertisement stating that the Oriental would leave Bombay on the 6th, and *Carwar* on the 8th of July! Nor did we say that the harbour had no drawbacks. What we wrote had special reference to the port as a point of military debarkation, but of course the remarks apply, in a great degree, to the port as a port of commerce. A man must be an idiot to say that Carwar harbour has no drawbacks,—why even Bombay harbour has drawbacks. But why go on? With stupidity—which is not a moral offence mark you—even the gods strive in vain.

Having made these muddles, really curious if we regard them from a pyschological point of view, the critic does not astonish us when he finds us guilty of the charge of not knowing what the Government in 1846 would have done if something had existed which did not exist! We plead guilty, and admit the immense force of his argumentative absurdity. We do not know—neither does he. But, considering that he is so omniscient, we are surprised that instead of cutting up root and branch figures which showed that it would be dearer to take Dharwar cotton by railway via Sholapore to Bombay, than it would be to take cotton from the Dharwar country to Carwar, he shows that the cost of sending cotton via Sholapore will be less by one-half than the cost *now* incurred of sending it to Compta and Carwar! Could any reply be more illustrative of the low mental condition of "A. W. C."? To turn his own guns against him, we may say, if the trade has steadily increased, despite the disadvantages under which it labours, what will it do when it is carried away rapidly to Carwar and is *not* burdened with the cost of transit by the roundabout road of the Bhore Ghaut Incline.

"A. W. C." "hardly knows how calmly to answer such nonsense" as the statement that the merchants of Bombay were opposed to the Carwar Railway because they wished that Bombay should monopolize the cotton trade. But he restrains himself, with commendable temper, and is calm. We can only assure him that our statement was made on the authority of some of the promoters of the petition, who frankly vindicated by plausible reasoning their own assertion. "A. W. C." does not do that. He gives instead a description of the comparative emptiness of Carwar, calls it an "unimaginary town"—if any one knows what that is—and draws a contrast between Carwar and Kurrachee. We never said Carwar was a cotton mart; but we said it was a port whence cotton could be shipped direct to Europe, and a good outlet for the crops above the Ghauts. The statement of the critic that only 50,000 bales could be pressed and shipped before the monsoon is a mere guess, and his other statement that 200,000 bales would have to lie in the damp is based on the egregious blunder that Carwar is closed during the monsoon; and therefore goes for nothing at all. The *value* of the information he purports to convey may be estimated by the examples we have given of his great power of mis-statement, his brilliant accomplishments in the art of mis-reading what is before him in plain print, and the really striking faculty he possesses for loose and irrelevant reasoning based on what he would call "unimaginary" premisses.

One word more and we will put an end to our shameless occupation of breaking a buzzing fly upon a wheel. He boldly states that "all the firms in Bombay, *with the exception of two*," signed the petition. What is the fact? There were *nine* firms who did not sign it. They were Knoop & Co., Ralli Brothers, Remington & Co., Ritchie, Steuart & Co., W. Nicol & Co., Forbes & Co., McDonald, Tweedie, & Co., D. Sassoon & Co., and Stenhouse & Co.—all good men and true. That is the last turn of the crank, and "A. W. C." is allowed to "stand down."

WE were unfair in our remarks on the conduct of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday. They did discuss the Cotton Frauds Bill, and what had better be done; they arraigned the Pilotage Board, and talked in a businesslike way of many other subjects. How was it that neither we nor the public knew anything about the debates of the Chamber of Commerce? It was not our fault. The reason was that Mr. James Taylor, the Secretary, ordered our reporter out of the room the moment when the formal business was done, and the interesting business, all anybody cared to know, began. From communications made to us we understand that the members of the Chamber did not know that the reporters were ordered out, and they blame the reporters. We put the saddle on the right horse, and inform the Chamber that it is their Secretary who ordains that the meeting shall be held in secret. They can best say whether or not they desire to debate "with closed doors," and whether the rule of publicity is not to apply to Chambers of Commerce in general meeting assembled. Mr. Taylor was, no doubt, acting in conformity with custom; but since influential members of the Chamber are not aware of the custom we take the freedom of giving them the information.

After the above remarks were in type we received a letter from Mr. Taylor; but it will be seen that it does not in any way affect the purport of what we have written, since it makes no reference to the exclusion of the reporters.

THE station of Sholapore will be visited by the Chaplain of Ahmednuggur until further orders.

BRIGADIER GENERAL SEALY commanded the Mhow Division from the 18th August to the 24th September.

THE Rev. C. F. H. Johnstone, B.A., has been appointed to act as Joint Chaplain of Kurrachee until further orders.

THE well known Madras horse Melbourne arrived at Calcutta by steamer last week. He was to go to Sonepore as soon as possible.

THE Rev. W. J. Pfennell, acting Chaplain of Malligaum, will act as Chaplain of Deolalee, visiting Malligaum and its several dependent stations.

WE observe that the Loodianah section of the Delhi Railway was opened on the evening of the 30th ultimo, when the first train from Umballa to Loodianah was started.

A TELEGRAM was received in Madras from Europe last Thursday announcing the death of Colonel William A. Orr, C.B, Madras Artillery, Aide-de-Camp to the Queen.

THE "Pioneer" thinks it may say with certainty that all idea of a Durbar at Agra is given up. A camp will be formed there, but on a far smaller scale than was originally contemplated.

CAPTAIN A. W. MACNAGHTEN, 3rd Regiment Light Cavalry, has been appointed to officiate as Superintendent of the G. I. P. Railway Police, during the absence of Lieutenant S. Babington, or until further orders.

MR. AITCHISON took charge of the Foreign Office from Mr. Seton-Karr at Simla on the 1st instant, and the latter started on his way for Bombay the following morning. He sails on October 9th.

THE Governor-General, we observe, has appointed Lieutenant-Colonel J. Willes to succeed Major-General MacPherson as Commissary-General of the Bengal Army. Colonel Willes is the officer at present officiating.

FROM Cawnpore it is reported that the band and six companies of the 14th Regiment and the division of Royal Artillery have all returned to cantonments from the cholera camp, where they had been for two months.

A CALCUTTA paper said there had been a rumour in the city for some days that "there are serious fears that the Emperor Napoleon will never recover from his last illness." We never heard of any one who did (wittily remarks a Bangalore paper)—not even an Emperor.

THOUGH (says the "Pioneer") in deference to "The Senior" and the Horse Guards, the promotion of Indian colonels is stopped, until the Commission shall have settled the knotty point of equalization, and redressed the balance of the East by calling generals into existence in the West, still the promotion of captains and majors of the Indian lists to majorities and lieutenant-colonelcies will go on as of yore.

ELEVEN officers of the Royal Engineers serving in India have been "seconded," including Colonels Robinson, Drummond, Medley, Innes, Chesney, Anderson and Ballard, promoting, in the Bengal Engineers, Captains Pollard, Stewart and Maunsell; second Captains Thompson, Trevor, Mewmarch, Watts, Champain, Pemberton and Home; and Lieutenants Haywood, Herschel, Daubuz, Westmorland, Padday, St. John, Bagge and Thuillier.—*Pioneer.*

THE "Mofussilite" states that Major General Beatson on the 1st instant resumed active command of the Sirhind Division of the army. The Major General, who has passed through a rather serious indisposition, temporarily made Jutogh his head-quarters, whence he was to proceed on a tour of inspection of the hill stations, Subathoo, Dugshai, and Kussowlie, arriving in Umballa, probably, before the expiration of the present month.

THE following extract from Brigade Orders by Brigadier General G. P. Sealy, Commanding at Nussecrabad, dated 16th September 1869, has been confirmed:—"Lieutenant Seton, Bombay Staff Corps, having furnished the prescribed medical certificate, has been granted thirty days preparatory leave from date of departure to proceed to the presidency, for the purpose of obtaining a final medical certificate to England. Major Beville will conduct the duties of commanding officer at this station on the departure of Lieutenant Seton on sick certificate, until the arrival of his successor."

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

[PER REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, 25TH SEPT., AFT.

Fair Dhollera was quoted at Liverpool to-day at 9¾d.

Consols unchanged.

Government Securities and Bank Shares are unaltered.

Exchange on India, 1s. 11 7/16d. to 1s. 11½d.

Total coins in Banks of England and France.....£69,750,000.

Total Notes outstanding.....£74,625,000.

LONDON, 28TH SEPT., AFT.

The Liverpool Cotton Market to-day was steady.

In the Manchester Market there is a moderate business, but prices are unchanged.

LONDON, 29TH SEPT., AFT.

The Liverpool Cotton Market to-day continued quiet.

Fair Dhollera 9¾d.

The following ships have arrived from Bombay:—

Proserpine, Schleswig Bride, Beechardass Ambaidass, Coretta and Eugenie.

THE BOMBAY MAIL.

The Baroda, with the outward Indian Mails, left Suez for Bombay on the 26th instant, at 11 P.M., (5 hours after contract time).

THE FINANCIAL DEFICIT.

IMPORTANT DESPATCH OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA—PROPOSAL FOR INCREASED TAXATION.

[BY INDIAN TELEGRAPH.]

UMBALLA, 6TH OCT., 12-40 P.M.

THE *Mofussilite* publishes a despatch from the Government of India to the Secretary of State, wherein the financial condition of the country, as now revised, is shown. By exceeding the expenditure in India and England, as estimated by Mr. Massey, and by a deficiency of £400,000, the surplus of £243,000, expected to have been shown in the Budget for 1868 and 1869, was changed to an actual deficit of £2,273,362.

As compared with the previous year the revised Budget for 1869-70 shows a deficit of £1,727,402 instead of a surplus of £52,650 as estimated by Sir R. Temple. The cash balances have suffered in consequence of the deficits.

The despatch goes on to say that Government regards the present position of the finances with hopefulness. Mr. Strachey, Officiating Minister of Finance, hopes to extinguish the deficit this year by large and immediate savings, by an increased salt duty in Bombay and Madras, and by the temporary addition of one per cent. to the Income Tax throughout India.

The Government consider the publication of this despatch to be necessary to ensure public confidence.

REVIEW.

ANOTHER ENGLAND: Life, Living, Homes and Homemakers in Victoria, by E. O Booth, late Inspector of Settlement to the Government of Victoria. (London: Virtue & Co., 1869.)

This little work is very comprehensive and has been conscientiously executed. Concerning the nature of the country, its occupants, government, and prospects, no other work of similar pretensions affords half so much or such reliable information. It is, therefore, a book which others, besides intending emigrants, may peruse with advantage; and, indeed, it contains much of that information concerning remote corners of the Empire with which all Englishmen, irrespective of their personal interests, ought to make themselves acquainted. 'Another England' is rather smaller than Great Britain and contains about fifty-five million acres of land. It is divided into counties and parishes like the mother country; and these form the means of the universal system of local self-government. Geelong and Melbourne are ruled by a mayor and corporation, the larger towns have councils and the rural districts are subject to shire councils, or road-boards. The members of all these are elected by the rate-payers of the districts in which they serve. There are sixty-two corporate towns and boroughs, possessing among them twenty million pounds worth of rateable property. Ninety-three shire councils and road-board districts have within their boundaries twenty-one million pounds worth of rateable property. The entire population of the colony is 670,000 people. Of the adult male population 63,000 are employed in the diggings and mines, and of these 15,000 are Chinese. The number of miners is rapidly decreasing, and within the last ten years has diminished by more than half. In 1860 the earnings of miners averaged £79-9-3; in 1867 they averaged £87-1-7. The averaged earnings of miners engaged on the quartz workings are much larger than of those working in the alluvial, being in 1867 nearly £160.

During the year 1867, 1,433,687 ounces of gold were exported from Victoria. For raising this gold 470 steam-engines were employed in the alluvial mines and 532 on the quartz reefs. The value of this machinery was estimated at £2,079,195; the value of the working gold mines of the colony being put down at £7,461,212. Altogether Victoria has exported £135,648,811 worth of gold, £3,462 worth of silver; tin to the value of £195,000, copper worth £4,000, antimony worth £30,000, coal worth £3,000, slates and flagging worth £18,000, with more than £8,000 worth of magnesite, diamond, and other precious stones.

Besides this realized property, Victoria also possesses over 121,000 horses, 622,000 head of cattle, 9,000 sheep, 77,000 pigs, while in 1867 it exported wool worth £3,800,000. It has 5,000 acres cropped with wines, which in 1868 produced half a million gallons of wine with some brandy and abundance of grapes; and so rapid has been the progress of cultivation that districts which a few years ago imported English and Chilian made flour at a cost of £30 to £100 a ton can now profitably cultivate their own cereals and export wheat to England. Such are a few of the remarkable indications of growth in this prosperous colony; and the actual experience of our author is entirely in favour of an increased occupation by English settlers. Apart from the capricious yield of gold, it offers beyond question the fairest prospect of happiness and prosperity to every one who is able and willing to work; and no doubt in a few years a little more political experience will constitute the colony a place of residence worthy of its soil and climate.

The peculiar opportunities of the author render him a safe adviser on the question of settlement and means of livelihood, and throughout the book is well and pleasantly written. Interspersed are a few scraps, evidently sketches from life, which show some artistic faculty,—thus:—"The purchase of a pig is, with a Chinaman, matter for grave debate and much thought. A run of luck, either at the gambling shop or gold-diggings, generally sets the hospitably inclined Chinaman in search for a fete day. His own, or his father's, or mother's, or grandfather's, or grandmother's birth-day, or failing them, that of a friend or relation, is, the desire one formed, sufficient justification for holding high festival. Sometimes two or three or half-a-dozen will give a joint stock entertainment; and then, the day being—and an early day is always named—the first thing to be done is to buy a pig. All of those interested proceed together on the business. Some one of the party, with the probability of such a want arising, will be sure to have noted a well-fed grunter growing day by day ready for roasting. The sty is approached gently and piggy is gazed on gravely. No word is exchanged between the members of the party unless indeed the pig, disturbed in his sleep, should give a grunt; then the bipeds exchange a look with each other and murmur in an undertone, and, in Chinese of course, 'Welly good.' If the pig-owner is a wise man now is his opportunity and he will in a gruff voice order the Chinamen away. The order is not obeyed, but soft taper-fingered brown hands are passed one after the other, down the sleek sides of the sleeping beauty. No rude pokes or pushes disturb his slumbers, and after a long lingering look, the party retire to a distance and bargains for the beast. Usually this is a long and difficult matter, but if the seller has been judicious and allowed his intending customers to gaze upon the desired treasure long enough, it is sure to end in the Chinaman counting into the pig-owner's hand some five or six greasy looking pieces of paper value one pound sterling each. The money paid the purchasers bend pensively over the sides of the sty and gaze upon their newly-acquired pig, his merits and 'points' are discussed, but without one word being spoken, a single glance betrays to each the other's satisfaction, and then they begin their preparations for taking their purchase home."

A longer sketch in the form of a story showing how a poor English tradesman may become a prosperous farmer embodies the most valuable advice to intending immigrants, and in every respect we consider this one of the most valuable colonial hand-books which has been produced. We hope it will help the good work of drawing off superfluous European population in the East and elsewhere to a centre where there is work and food for all.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—As the remarks made in your paper of this day's date—regarding the Chamber of Commerce and the Cotton Bill, recently under discussion in the Local Legislative Council,—are calculated to given wrong impression in reference to the position of the Chamber in the matter, I am requested by the committee of management to point out that it was only on Saturday last that the real character of the bill was known, when it was too late for the Chamber to move as a body against a bill which, after lying over for six months, was all of a sudden hurried on without due notice of its changed character being given.

More than six months ago the Chamber laid before the select committee of the Council to which the bill was referred the objections entertained by the merchants to it in the form in which it was first introduced.

The select committee produced an amended bill, which was in the main in accordance with the views expressed by the Chamber, and up till last week the members were under the impression that the bill of the select committee was the bill intended to be passed.

There was a short discussion on the subject at the general meeting, but it was brought on without notice after the consideration of private business, and it was left to the committee to decide what future action should be taken.—I am, &c.,

JAMES TAYLOR, Secretary.

Bombay Chamber of Commerce, 6th October.

THE COTTON BILL.

PETITION BY NATIVE MERCHANTS TO POSTPONE THE THIRD READING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I herewith beg to send you a copy of the petition which the Bombay merchants, now residing in Poona, have presented to His Excellency in Council on the 2nd instant, to postpone the third reading of the Bill No. 4 of 1869 and which I hope you will publish for the benefit of the public.

Poona, 5th October, 1869.

To His Excellency the Right Hon'ble Sir W. R. SEYMOUR V. FITZGERALD, G.C.S.I., K.C.S.I., Governor and President in Council, Legislative Department, Poona.

The humble petition of the undersigned merchants of Bombay at present residing in Poona.

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,—That your petitioners in behalf of themselves and other members of the mercantile community to which they belong, beg leave respectfully to submit the following representation for the consideration of your Excellency's Council for making laws and regulations.

That your petitioners being engaged in the cotton trade are deeply interested in the law proposed to be enacted by your Hon'ble Council with the view of preventing the adulteration of cotton and the prevention of frauds in the cotton trade. That your petitioners have watched the progress of the Bill No. 4 of 1869, introduced into your Hon'ble Council, entitled, "A Bill for the Prevention of Adulteration of Cotton and the better suppression of frauds in the Cotton Trade in the Presidency of Bombay." That several representations were made to your Hon'ble Council on the subject of this important measure by the managing committee of the Chamber of Commerce and others. That the said bill was referred to a Select Committee of your Hon'ble Council, by whom it was considerably amended and modified. That the Select

BOMBAY BRANCH OF THE ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY.

THE monthly meeting of the Society will be held in its Library Rooms this day at 4 P.M.

There will be a ballot for the election of B. F. Farnham, Esq., merchant, and Cursetjee Manockjee Cursetjee, B. A., Barrister-at-Law, who have been duly proposed and seconded as members of the Society.

Original Communications.

1. The Fort of Panâla. By Captain E. W. West, Assistant Political Agent, Kolapore.

2. The Dialectic of Nyâya Dârsana. By the Rev. R. Stothert, M.A.

THE 2ND QUEEN'S REGIMENT.

THE first detachment of the 2nd Queen's Regiment (which we have already stated takes the place of the 23rd Royal Welch Fusiliers) arrived from Poona yesterday. The detachment, numbering 4 officers and 125 non-commissioned rank and file, left Poona by a special train yesterday morning, and arrived in Bombay at 3 P.M. They immediately proceeded to the Colaba barracks. The other detachment, comprising 8 officers, 1 lady, 230 men, 25 women, and 45 children, will leave Poona by a special train on Friday morning, and will reach Bombay at about 4-35 P.M.

TELEGRAPH LINE REPORTS.

KURRACHEE, 6th, 2-15 P.M.—Cable communication perfect to Fao; Turkish line interrupted beyond Semavah; and the Persian line interrupted beyond Teheran. Latest dates from Great Britain via Turkey 24th September, 5 P.M., via Russia 29th September, 11-1 P.M.

SERIOUS CHARGE OF CHEATING AGAINST NATIVE MERCHANTS.

ON Monday Mr. J. Jefferson appeared, with Mr. Rimington, before the Chief Magistrate, in the Fort Police Court, and laid the following information:—

"I am the constituted attorney of the firm of Messrs. Jefferson, Campbell, and Co., Bombay merchants. I know Venayekrow Balcrustna Chintoba and Crustnarao Raghoba, who carry on business in Bombay under the name of V. B. Chintoba. In the month of August last my said firm of Jefferson, Campbell, and Co. advanced to V. B. Chintoba, at their request, the equivalent in rupees of £1,584 and on the security of 132 bales of cotton shipped on board the ship Foundling, bound to Liverpool, now lying in Bombay harbour, being at the rate of £12 per bale of the said shipment, and equal, including freight and other charges in Liverpool, to Rs. 270 per candy. From information I have received, I caused, on the 29th September last, the cotton on board the Foundling to be examined by one of my clerks, and I have received samples drawn from seven of the said bales. The said Balcrustna Chintoba and Crustnarao Raghoba stated to me, when I gave them the advance against the cotton, that the cotton was fair Compta and fair Oomrawuttee, and that the same had cost from Rs. 300 to Rs. 310 per candy, whereas the samples taken from the bales show, as I verily believe, that the cotton shipped by the said V. B. Chintoba on board the said Foundling is inferior in quality to middling cotton, and that the value of the cotton is from Rs. 200 to to Rs. 230 per candy only. On the 30th September last Balcrustna Chintoba and Crustnarao Raghoba applied to me for an advance at the rate of £11 per bale, the equivalent with charges in Liverpool of Rs. 245 per candy on 300 bales of cotton, shipped per Ann Millicent, now lying in Bombay harbour for Liverpool, and they then and there represented to me that the said cotton was fair Compta and fair Oomrawuttee, and had cost from Rs. 300 to Rs. 310 per candy. On this representation I agreed to make the said advance. On the 1st and 2nd inst., Balcrustna and Crustnarao brought to my office bills of lading of the 300 bales of cotton duly endorsed by said firm of V. B. Chintoba, and at their request, bills of exchange for the sum of three thousand and three hundred pounds, being the amount of the aforesaid advance, and the said Balcrustna Chintoba and Crustnarao Raghoba requested me to pay them the proceeds of the said bills of exchange. From information I received I caused the said bales of cotton on board the Ann Millicent to be examined on Saturday last, and from samples taken from ten of the said bales, and now in my possession, the said cotton so shipped by the said firm of V. B. Chintoba on board the Ann Millicent, is cotton known as waste and not worth fifty rupees per candy. I therefore charge the said Veneyekrao Balcrustna Chintoba and Crustnarao Raghoba with cheating and attempting to cheat under the Indian Penal Code, and with conspiracy and abetment of conspiracy."

A summons was granted and served.

THE DIVISION OF THE ESTATE OF THE NAWAB OF SURAT.

ON Monday last, Sir Charles Sargent settled the minutes of decree in a suit with regard to the division of the estate of the late Nawab of Surat. The suit was brought at the instance of Meer Assad Ali Khan Bahadoor, an infant of ten years of age, by his next friend, Dost Mahomed Sulliman, against Zeaoolnissa Ladlee Begum Sahib, wife of Meer Syud Allum Khan Bahadoor, Surat, and Bahimoonissa Begum Sahib, wife of Meer Goolam Baba, Surat—as administratrixes of the estate and effects of His Highness the late Meer Jaffer Ali Khan Bahadoor, of Surat and Bombay—and against Bustee Begum, Noor Jehan Begum, and Fatma Begum, the widows, and Zoolfikkeer Alikhan, the son of His Highness. The plaint sets forth that His Highness died on 21st August 1863, leaving an estate worth about ten lakhs of rupees, and that the plaintiff and his mother had frequently demanded payment of his share as next of kin, but that the administratrixes had constantly refused on the pretence that she was not the lawful widow nor he the lawful son of the intestate. Such pretence, it alleges, is wholly unfounded, as the intestate duly acknowledged and treated them as his lawful wife and son respectively, and therefore the plaint prays the Court to direct that the estate may be administered under its direction, and to fix the shares of the respective heirs.

As it was believed that under Act XVIII. of 1848 that the plaintiff required the consent of the Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council to any suit he might bring, his solicitors sent in an application for consent to the filing of the summon. Government replied that they did not consider it advisable to give permission to the filing of a suit; but the summons was filed.

The first two defendants filed a written statement, in which they took the objection that they were exempted from being sued in the High Court unless with the consent of the Governor in Council, and they further held that the estate amounted to only seven lakhs and had not been sufficient to pay the debts they had met, and further that the plaintiff was not entitled to any share in the estate—not being the lawful son of the deceased. The third defendant also filed a written statement, which held that it was not true, as alleged in the plaint, that the late Meer Jaffer Ali Khan Bahadoor left surviving any more or other than two widows namely, the defendant Bustee Begum and this defendant. That the defendant named in the plaint as Fatma Begum, but whose name was really Boowa Fatma, never was the wife of the said late Meer Jaffer Ali Khan Bahadoor according to Mahomedan law, and never was to the said Meer Jaffer Ali other than a mere kept mistress and concubine, and never was otherwise recognized or treated by him, and that the plaintiff, whose proper name was simply Assud Ali Khan, was the illegitimate son of the defendant Boowa Fatma by the late Meer Jaffer Ali Khan, and was maintained, provided, and treated by Meer Jaffer Ali during his lifetime in the same manner as his lawful son, Zoolfiker Ali Khan, used to be.

Messrs. Pigot and Green (instructed by Messrs. Dallas & Co.) appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Sergeant Atkinson and Mr. Marriott for the first and second defendants.

The preliminary objection raised by the defendants that the plaintiff could not sue without the consent of the Hon'ble the Governor in Council, was discussed at great length in the first instance. That was decided by the Court in favour of the plaintiffs, and the case was then proceeded with on the merits and occupied the Court for a number of days.

His Lordship, after a lengthy review of the evidence, held that the plaintiff was entitled to acknowledgment and treatment the legitimate son of the deceased, but that widow could not be regarded as his widow. He therefore ordered the estate to be divided as follows:—1/8 to the widows, 14-48ths to the plaintiff, 14-48ths to Zoolfiker Alli Khan, and 7-48ths to each of the two daughters Zeaoolnissa Ladlee Begum and Bahimoonissa Begum Saheb. The costs of all the parties in the case were ordered to be paid out of the estate except those as to the preliminary objection which the Court had decided against the defendants and the costs of which were ordered to be borne by them. The costs of an administration suit were also ordered to be paid out of the estate.

AN EXTEMPORE COMMENTATOR—James Oliphant, Minister of Dumbarton, had a curious habit of making running comments, in a low tone of voice, as he read the Scriptures. Hence, as he never cured himself of the practice, the people nearest the pulpit were the most highly prized. Here are two samples of his "pulpit notes:"—In acting of the swine running into the sea, he muttered:—"Oh, that the devil had been choked too!" Reading Peter's remark:—"We have left all and followed Thee," the Minister ejaculated:—"Aye, bonnie, Peter, aye, braggin,; what had ye to leave but an old crazy boat, and, maybe, two or three rotten nets?"—*Sun.*

GUZERAT REVENUE SURVEY.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOMBAY GOVERNMENT.

Bombay Castle, 2nd October, 1869.

LETTER from the Revenue Commissioner N. D., No. 3387, dated 20th July 1869—submitting, with his remarks, the progress report of the Guzerat Revenue Survey for the year 1867-68.

RESOLUTION.—The Guzerat Revenue Survey measured during the year under review 1,53,812 acres, and classified 2,57,082 acres. These operations show a decrease of 1,25,499 acres in the area measured, and an increase of 14,074 acres in that classified, as compared with the out-turn of the preceding year.

The decrease in the year's out-turn of field work is owing mainly to a reduction in the measuring branch caused by the transfer of Mr. Hall and his establishment to the Rewa Kanta Agency for the measurement of the territory subject to its political control, and by the detachment of a further full establishment for employment under the municipalities of Ahmedabad, Surat, Broach and Bulsar, for the survey of those cities. Owing to these transfers and other changes, there were fewer chains available for work during the year, the number being 71 against 92 last year, a difference of 21 chains.

Allowing for these reductions, the work turned out during the year affords no grounds for viewing it as otherwise than satisfactory.

The Superintendent, Mr. Beyts, has given a detailed account in his report of the work accomplished during the year by each of his assistants, who are all described as having worked with zeal and efficiency. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council notices with much satisfaction the favourable mention made by the Superintendent of the conduct of Lieutenant Cathcart, who, when suffering severely from ill-health, and recommended to take sick leave, voluntarily remained at his post from an unselfish regard for the interests of the service.

The average mean difference found between the original measurements and the tests taken by the assistants is stated to have amounted to five-eighths of an acre per cent. This is not large, and shows the standard of accuracy to have been well maintained. The result of the classification tests is shown in paragraph 36 of the Superintendent's Report. Mr. Guerin's amount of tests is not considered to be quite satisfactory. The Superintendent should have called for and submitted an explanation on this point, as tests by the superintending officer of a classing establishment are an essential operation in ascertaining the accuracy of the work done.

Measurement operations were carried on during the year in 145 villages. Of these 76 villages were completed, and the village boundary mark accounts of 66 were prepared, leaving the accounts of ten villages to be made up at the close of the year. The account of the monsoon work is satisfactory: all the establishments are stated to have worked hard and carefully in bringing up their work.

Thirty boundary disputes were settled during the year by the several assistants. With regard to the disputes which have been allowed to stand over owing to the difficulty experienced in bringing His Highness the Guicowar's agents to an understanding, the Resident at Boroda will be requested, through the Political Department, to depute a competent assistant to meet the survey officers for the purpose of settling these differences, as the account given of the agents at present employed by His Highness is anything but satisfactory.

Besides the final settlement on a thirty years' lease, carried out during the year in the Borsud talooka of the Kaira collectorate, revised rates of assessment were introduced for the first time into the talookas of Soopa and Bulsar in the Surat collectorate. The result of the settlement introduced in these two* talookas is shown

* New Assessment	Rs. 5,85,601
Old Assessment	„ 4,28,371
Increase	Rs. 1,57,230

in paragraph 42 of the Superintendent's Report, from which it will be noticed that the new rates have largely enhanced the Government revenue in both districts. The experimental revision of the rates in the Soopa talooka has recently been confirmed by Government for the usual term of thirty years, commencing from 1868-69, with some slight modifications in the original proposals.

The cost of the survey in all its branches amounted to Rs. 1,38,638 as per margin,* and exhibits a decrease in amount of Rs. 49,429, and in acreage cost of anna one and pies three, as contrasted with the preceding year.

	*1866-67.	1867-68.
Measurement	1,13,881	70,414
Classification	42,646	36,141
Settlement	31,540	32,083
	1,88,067	1,38,638
	1,38,638	
Decrease	49,429 in favour of the year under report.	

In paragraph 54 the Superintendent has furnished an account of the work remaining to be done by the Guzerat Survey on the 31st October 1868. It will be seen from this that there are still 556 villages, covering an area of 9,32,722 acres to be measured; 798 villages, comprising 14,09,348 acres, to be classified; and 1,355 villages to be settled; a work which it is not expected will be completed by the Survey Department at its present strength under less than eight years. The number of villages remaining to be settled is still nearly equal to that settled up to the close of the year under review.

The increase in the assessment of the two talooks of Soopa and Bulsar consequent on the introduction of the survey and assessment has been shown. His Excellency in Council desires to be furnished with a statement showing, as far as possible, up to date the net financial results of the survey since its introduction into Guzerat. It will then be a question whether the strength of existing establishments should not be increased in order to bring the work to an earlier completion.

A complete change was effected during the year in the management of the city surveys of Amedabad, Surat, Broach and Bulsar, with a view to placing them on a more effective footing. Under the new arrangements Ahmedabad was separated from the other cities, and placed under a separate Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Bulkley, with a sub-assistant to aid him. Broach was similarly detached, and given under the exclusive charge of another sub-assistant, leaving Surat and Bulsar alone in charge of Mr. Summers, the officer originally appointed to conduct these city surveys.

In sanctioning these arrangements Government consented to increase their share of the expenses to the extent of paying all the superior officers, and crediting the surveys with the cost of one full establishment in addition, to be proportionately divided between them.

With his report the Superintendent has furnished separate reports by Messrs. Bulkley and Summers, giving the details of the work performed during the year by the surveys under their respective control. These reports appear to be satisfactory.

The subjoined statement shows the amount of revenue accruing to Government and the municipalities, respectively, from all sources from the commencement of the city surveys:—

	Aggregate Amount	Realizable by Government. In lump.	Realizable by Government. Annually	Realizable by the Municipalities. In lump.	Realizable by the Municipalities. Annually	Realized	Balance.
Ahmedabad	42,237	6,779	539	34,203	716	15,491	26,746
Surat	1,31,988	17,159	155	1,14,579	25	1,30,822	1,076
Broach	3,730	109	454	903	2,264	3,262	268
Bulsar	2,033	14	21	1,998	....	1,298	735
Total	1,79,988	24,061	1,169	1,51,683	3,005	1,50,973	28,924

No enquiry was commenced in Broach up to the date of the report for the reason explained by Mr. Beyts, and no income has consequently been derived in that city. The income shown against it in the above statement is that realized from the levy of full assessment on acknowledged Government lands and sale proceeds of patches of such lands. Under the circumstances stated by the Superintendent, Government approve of his proposal to relieve Mr. Summers of the supervision of Broach, and to take it under his immediate control.

The total cost incurred on account of these surveys from their commencement up to the close of the year under review amounted to Rs. 1,27,404-1-2, of which Rs. 22,805-5-3 were paid by Government and the rest by the municipalities in the proportion noted in the margin.* Independent of the lump sums accruing from sale proceeds, &c., Government already derive from these surveys an annual income of Rs. 1,159, representing, at 5 per cent., a capital of Rs. 22,780, which is only a few rupees less than the expenditure which has been incurred by Government.

	*By Government.	By Municipalities
Ahmedabad	13,373 11 5	50,257 8 11
Surat	5,955 13 4	31,892 14 0
Broach	3,364 13 6	16,075 4 4
Bulsar	130 15 0	3,453 0 8
	22,805 5 3	1,04,688 11 11

A LARGE FACE.—Somebody in describing a beautiful lady, says she has "a face that a painter might be proud upon." Rather a broad face that!

IT IS stated that an Irishman called upon a New York disciple of Esculapius and informed him that his wife was sick, and required medical aid. The M. D. was all attention to the case, but desired the man to give his note, or enter into an agreement to pay when his pay in advance no longer needed. 'An' it'll kill or cure for services were done,' said Pat. 'Yes.' Pat was satisfied, and twenty dollars' worth of medicine was left. The woman died, and in due time the doctor presented his bill. Pat looked left the M. D. to perform the contract. The woman died, and in due time the doctor presented his bill. Pat looked at it for a moment, and then asked, 'An' did ye cure her?' a physician. 'An' did ye kill her?' —'No,' answered the M. D. discovered that Pat had This was a poser, and the bill has not yet been settled. caught him.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE NEW COTTON ACT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Your journal deserves the thanks of all public-spirited men for the way in which it has opposed the new Cotton Bill. That the penal clauses of the Act of 1863 have been inoperative no Mofussil magistrate, who has ever tried a case under it, will hesitate to affirm. How could it have been otherwise? A merchant does not mix cotton with his own fingers; neither do his servants hasten to do it on the appearance of an inspector. The possession of dirty cotton is not illegal; so that, however much of it may be in a godown, the owner is not punishable, unless he be shown to have offered it for sale, or sold it. How can this be proved except on the complaint of the purchaser, who never complains. By the owner's books? though they show sales of cotton, it is not possible to identify the particular bales. The new Act will unhappily be more dangerous; adding new pitfalls for frail human nature. A native criminal, who is hardened enough to carry a bale along the road without the name of his talooka stamped on it in English characters (so that Mr. Campbell may be able to read it) two inches long, will, if that gentleman's outrageous amendments have really passed, be liable to hard labour for six months and fine. Here is a new crime indeed! punishable with the average penalty of theft. Will there be an officer appointed to go about and instruct the imperilled cartmen of their danger, or will they be allowed to fall into the trap unwarned? Mr. Campbell asked the Council to make one other concession; but the one they had swallowed was enough. An unlicensed carpenter may still put a screw in a ricketty saw-gin, and not be arrested, fined, and treated as a malefactor for it. The factory will lose some fees, and have a worse balance-sheet to show: the village carpenter will not be exposed to the dilemma of a fine on one hand, and the loss of his "huks" on the other.

That extortion and oppression existed under the old Act is certain: that they will grow rankly under the new is assured. I have heard of one small instance showing how the wind blew. A subscription was wrung from certain dealers by threatening to examine their godowns. It was represented as a result of their appreciation of the advantages of the department.

One of the most odious features of the present bill is the colour-partiality shown in its punishments. Offences connected with presses, and likely to be committed by Europeans, are punishable with fine only. Those which natives may fraudulently or innocently perpetrate make them equally liable to imprisonment. Section 2 is for natives; section 5, &c., for Europeans.

It is to be hoped that the enormity of the measure may in some degree work its own cure: the magistrates may be driven by it to oppose a wise obstructiveness to the vagaries of their superiors.—Yours, &c.,

3rd October. O. KHAYAM.

THE UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—If the correspondent who signed himself "M." in your issue of the 28th ult. is himself a student, and entertains thoughts of presenting himself at any of the ensuing examinations, I would advise him to give them up; for he will do no good there if his memory is so very frail that he cannot remember what he has studied for months together half so well as what he has read for some hours previous to sitting down in the examination;—and where will be the use even of his passing his examination, if he passes it only to forget what he has learnt?

Students would have thanked "M." better if he had exercised his pen in making some more material suggestion for their "comfort" than the futile one he has made.

The examiners in the languages seldom—if ever—state with their questions what sort of work they require from the candidates. Passages are set for translation and paraphrase, but nothing is said for the information of the candidates as to whether they are to do them freely or literally. It is only in the oral examination which takes place after the written, that they come to know the taste of their examiners in this particular; but in the written they paraphrase or translate, freely or literally, quite at random, and learn to their cost afterwards in the oral that they have done wrong, and will have to suffer for it.

May I therefore request—through the medium of your journal—the worthy examiners to pay more attention to such particulars?—Yours, &c.,

STUDENT.

A WISE DIPLOMATIST.

THE Shanghai papers report that the Chinese Government has stopped Mr. Burlingame's pay. That diplomatist, however, had the foresight to secure 80,000 taels, two years' salary, in advance.—*Pioneer.*

SIMLA WIT.

WE recommend our friends to beg, borrow, or . . . . no, *buy* (if it is for sale) a copy of *Parisina* the "original burlesque" lately acted at Peterhoff. It is really the brightest little thing we have read for a long time, and burlesques seldom bear reading at all. There is not a dreary passage in the whole play, while every page sparkles with the most felicitous absurdities. Parisina in one place endeavours to turn her lover from his fell purpose of murdering his father: this is Hugo's euphemism for paricide:—

"Nay, never think my just revenge to soften;
I am determined to become an orphan."

Parisina is printed at the *Simla Advertiser Press.*—*Pioneer.*

DANCING RAJAHS.

A WRITER in the *Lawrence Gazette*, alluding to the ball given to the Governor-General at Simla by the Maharajah of Jeypore, is of opinion that, though the fact of the "*Begum Sahiba*" of the Governor-General having danced with the Maharajah has displeased some of the English, "it was to his thinking a royal act to do away with any distinction of the Hindoostanee. It seems that the kindness shown to the Jeypore Rajah has aroused a desire in the Rajah of Putteealla to visit Simla, and give a feast to Lord Mayo. A writer in the *Mardhurmist* says, that "the Rajah will certainly give a grand feast, but he wants to see whether the *Lady Sahiba of Mayo Sahib Bahadoor* will bestow the same amount of honour and respect upon Putteealla as she did upon Jeypore or not." Mercy on us! Would every Indian Rajah be a Prometheus!—*Pioneer.*

THE MADRAS POISONING CASE.

A SENSATION was caused in Madras yesterday by a statement, in one of the local journals, that three deaths reported to have been caused by cholera were really caused by poisoning. The statement was a very grave one, but we are not sorry upon the whole that it has been made, because a rumour was in circulation to that effect on Monday, and, though any thoughtful person would see at once that it could have no foundation, still thoughtless people might believe it. Corrosive sublimate is not indigenous to metallic vessels. If, however, it were, the effect would not in one case be immediate, and in another suspended for twenty-four hours. But we have enquired of the medical gentlemen who attended at the sick beds of the deceaseds, and are assured by them that two of the cases were unmistakeable cholera, and that the third was an imperfectly developed choleraic attack, and certainly not poisoning by corrosive sublimate or verdigris.—*Madras Athenæum*, Sept. 30.

AN UNFORTUNATE MASQUERADER.

SIMLA, 29th September.—At "Peterhoff," dinners, charades, tableaux vivants, private theatricals, and balls are the order of the day, recalling the times of Lords Auckland and Dalhousie, when as now entertainments were given on a magnificent scale, and the utmost liberality and profusion prevailed within the walls of Government House. Speaking of those days reminds me of an incident which occurred at a masquerade ball, given at Barnes Court many years ago, and which was related to your correspondent by a venerable friend, who has since departed. It was at the time when Lord Auckland was a visitor at Simla, somewhere in the year 1836 or 1837, and when Sir Henry Fane, I believe, was the Commander-in-Chief. At this masquerade Lieutenant B. personated the character of a low Irishman with battered hat, disreputable garments, and a shillelah under his arm. On his arrival at Barnes Court the place was thronged with guests, and there was a Goorkha sentinel at the door. The Goorkha seeing this gentleman in such strange guise, believed he was a loafer, and refused him admission at the point of the bayonet. It was in vain that the officer expostulated and swore, but to no purpose. There he was kept at bay by the sentry, who threatened to stick him with his bayonet if he advanced a step. At length the gentleman espied a friend at a window of the ballroom, and called out most lustily,—"T., for Heaven's sake come out to my assistance. This d——d sentry refuses me admission at the point of the bayonet." His friend laughing heartily at the *contretemps*, came out and extricated him from his difficulty, by a few words of explanation to the obdurate Goorkha. On the smooth lawns of Peterhoff, under the stately cedars, the Viceroy often takes a hand at croquet playing; but he has not the same passion for the game as Lord Lawrence. His Excellency is, on the other hand, a keen sportsman, and frequently rides over to Mahasoo, where, with gun in hand, he does great execution amongst the partridges, pheasants, quails, &c., which abound a few miles from that delightful locality.—*Pioneer.*

HORSE MANAGEMENT IN INDIA.

THERE is perhaps no subject of which men are more offended at being suspected of being ignorant, than the management of the horse. From the griffin with incipient moustache and ever rising blushes, who has just set foot in India, and who probably has not set foot in a stable more than half-a-dozen times, to the veteran who has spent a life-time in this country and lost a nag at every station in the presidency, all talk learnedly of horse-flesh, and would have you believe that they are wide-awake with regard to everything connected with the stable. Experience, however, compels us to the conclusion, that those who really know anything about stable management, are few in number. Hence those complaints of ill-luck, those *heavy* groans, if we may so call them, which one's friends are ever pouring into one's ears. The fact is, people as a rule, having purchased a horse, look upon him as a kind of machine which unfortunately requires to be fed, and which they think if kept in a shed and rubbed now and then ought to carry or drag them as the case may be, for an indefinite time. The whole knowledge of horse-management on which they plume themselves when you come to enquire into it, resolves itself into having the horse brought to the door, to be fed at certain hours, and seeing a certain quantity of gram measured out before them and given to the animal. Perhaps now and then a gentleman who thinks himself more than usually knowing, will have a standing rule established that, his horses are to be covered with jules at night, and led about in the day time like racers in England, shrouded in body clothing to the very ears and tips of the nose. Generally speaking, however, the alpha and omega of stable management in Madras consists in a little attention more or less to the *quantity* of gram and grass given to the animal, everything else being left to take care of itself. Now, considering that the horse is a delicate animal, with an interior particularly liable to derangement, with feet never intended by nature for constant hammering on hard ground, and with a temper easily rendered irritable and bad by ill-treatment it is not surprising that the man who confines his attention solely to the quantity of gram and grass supplied to his horse, should have frequently to mourn the loss of a steed, or to be reduced with a stable full of nags to the miserable alternative of remaining at home, or being drawn along by one of those sorry jades which some stablekeepers provide for the wants of an enlightened public. It is never advisable to ask the public to expect too much. We propose, then, to consider the best means of keeping the horse in health, and fit for constant use, and thus to earn for ourselves the undying gratitude of half Madras.

The treatment of the horse in the stable must be considered under two heads—the *internal* and *external*—the one having reference to food, drink, and physic, the other to every thing else, which conduces to his bodily comfort and appearance. As regards food, we believe that the most erroneous notions are prevalent. Men seem to think that if they give out of 4 seers of gram daily, together with 20lbs. of grass, per horse, provide an earthen chatty to boil the gram in, and firewood sufficient to boil it with, they have done all that is needful. They never trouble their heads as to whether the cooking process is effectual, or care at what hour, and how the gram and grass are given to their horses. Now, these are points of the greatest importance. The stomach of the horse is remarkably small for an animal of his size, and he consequently requires food frequently and in moderate quantity at a time. To keep him, therefore, without food for many hours, and then to put before him a large quantity, is to take the surest mode possible of destroying his condition if not to kill him, for he is prone to suffer from the feeling of emptiness, and to gorge himself when he has the chance of doing so. Similarly, to let him suffer from thirst for the greater part of the day, and then to distend himself with water from a bucket, is about as insane a thing as can well be conceived. It should be recollected that the animal has to keep in active motion for many miles, and that therefore if he be either empty, or too full of food or drink when called on to make this exertion, he *must* suffer. Let any man who has fasted for a lengthened time, or drunk, say, a couple of quarts of water, start off to run a mile, and he will soon have practical experience of the ill effects of an internal vacuum or distension on the frame. In all probability he will faint, or break his wind. How much more likely then is it, that the horse should suffer under similar circumstances when his stomach for his size is not half as big as a man's. We should therefore endeavour by every means in our power to keep our horses, when in the stable, always just sufficiently full of food, as not to experience a craving for it and undistended with water. This is to be effected by giving the gram at certain hours when you know from your usual habits that, the horse will not be required immediately afterwards for use; by insisting on grass being given sparingly during the day, and largely at night; and by providing each horse with a tub of *fresh* water, into which he can when he likes thrust his muzzle. Thus carriage horses which are used only of an evening, may be given their gram at 6 A. M., midday, and on their return home, say 8 P. M.; while riding horses which you keep for hard morning work, should have their first feed of gram immediately after their return from the morning ride, or, which is better still in the case of hunters, and those horses which have to undergo great fatigue, should be given about one-third of their early food, the first thing in the morning, and the remaining two-third on their return from exercise. As to grass, the native horse-keeper's delight is to cast a large quantity before the horse two or three times a day. This saves him trouble, and enables him to have a chat or a snooze whenever he thinks proper; but, reader, if you have any regard for your cattle, you will put your face against this mode of supplying them with fodder—not only is there the chance of the hungry horse overeating, but great waste and danger results from the grass getting beneath the animal's feet, for your horse during the day loses perhaps 10 or 12 lbs., of the small quantity of grass provided for the 24 hours, and if he be a greedy feeder, eats a portion of what has *fallen* when it is unfit for food from being trampled on and defiled.

Every horse-owner, therefore, should insist on only a small quantity of grass being given to his nags at a time, say every other hour. This will insure a much larger proportion of the grass brought being eaten by the horse than would otherwise be the case, and will not only render him fit for use at any time but will provide him with a large supply for the quiet hours of the night when his work is over, and, with an instance of being called out of his stall for many hours, he can fill himself to his heart's content and digest what he eats at his leisure, and while asleep. But we are sure there is nothing more important to a horse's health in this country than a generous provision of water. A horse may over-eat himself, but if he has free access to water, he will never over-drink himself. This is perfectly well acknowledged in England now-a-days, every good stable having a stone trough near the manger which is kept full of sweet water. In this country a water supply is doubly necessary, for some horses suffer cruelly from thirst as do some men in India. There is, however, this great difference between the biped and the quadruped, that the former will in most cases, if he has the opportunity, take more than is good for him which the latter never will do. You may therefore safely give to the real animal that which you refuse to the animal by nature, and if you do so you will have the satisfaction of seeing your favourites dipping their velvet muzzles continually into the tubs provided for them, now and then swallowing a mouthful, and evidently revelling in the coolness of mouth and palate produced by contact with the water. That any man who has the smallest pretensions to be considered a lover of horses should have the heart to deprive his dumb favourites of so simple a pleasure is surprising, and yet numbers of men do so, and on the plea that it is not good for the horse to *drink much*. We have sometimes observed that those who talk in this way are themselves much given to imbibing. They probably therefore judge their horses by themselves, but if they do so, they are mistaken and the verdict of every man of sense on them, when they complain of the sudden loss of a horse, will be "serve him right."

It is also of the first importance to the well-being of the horse, that his gram should be rendered soft by being well cooked, and that it should be dry. By constantly scolding and looking after your men, the first of these two objects may be attained, but it is only by following a procedure opposed to the practice of Madras, that the freshness of the horse's food can be insured. We refer to the detestable habit of feeding in nose bags. These receptacles of gram, unless constantly washed, become noisome in the extreme, and after they have been used a few times, even though well washed, always retain a sour smell about them which must taint the gram, and render it to a certain extent unwholesome. In most Madras stables the "tobras," as they are called, are never washed. From month's end to month's end the poor horse is doomed to have his nose, which is particularly susceptible of smell, thrust into a stinking bag containing the food he yearns for. Poor wretch! We can imagine the shudder which the first gush of stench must send through his frame when his head is bound into the canvas abomination, and we can well understand how the food must be bolted in order that the hateful bag which smells worse as the gram gets low, may be removed. We always regret when we see horses treated in this way, that we have not the power to cause the heads of master and man to be each enveloped in a bag which has become tainted with, say, *sour porridge* for a quarter of an hour or so. At the end of that time we engage to say the notions of both on the subject of horse-feeding in nose bags would be considerably altered. Our advice to all who keep horses, then, is to eschew the "tobra" as though it were poison. Let a common deal box pretty long and deep, such as stores are sent out from home in, be put up in the corner of the stall with a few small holes drilled in the bottom to let out water, and in this let both the gram and grass be given *at stated hours*. The box being open to the air, will not, if washed carefully once a day, retain any disagreeable smell from the gram, and the horse will be found not to drop his grass about and thus to waste it. A lump of rock salt should also be always kept in this box. Some horses delight in licking this salt, and will stand doing so half the day while all relish it to a certain extent. It is a most wholesome substance, and we have always found the horses that take to it most readily have the best health and spirits. It should therefore never be absent from the stable. Lastly, we strongly recommend guinea grass, carrots and lucerne to the attention of our readers. A little of each given once a day will be found to keep the horse's coat fine, and to give him what is called a *cat's skin*, that is, a loose hide, the greatest possible sign of health in both horse and dog. Carrots work wonders in making the coat shine, and horses are especially partial to them. They are, it is true, sometimes expensive, but the outlay will be found to repay the owner of horses well, and we cannot suppose that any sensible man will grudge a few rupees to keep his nags in health. To conclude, we may add a few words on the quantity of food which a hardly worked horse requires. Some horses eat more that others, but we think from 3 to 3½ seers of raw gram, when well boiled, are ample for any horse unless he be in wretched condition when 4 full measures of uncooked gram may be served out for him. As to grass we think Madras horses receive much too little as a rule. The grass brought by grass-cutters it should be recollected is wretched stuff, and a great deal of it goes bad very little way. We recommend, therefore, at least 40 lbs. per diem to be provided per horse. Of this 6 or 8 lbs. will probably be wasted or left by the animal, and thus you can count on his actually consuming very little more than 30 lbs., which is but just enough to keep him in condition. We defer to another article the consideration of his cleaning and outward treatment.—*Madras Mail.*

A FINELY EQUIPPED CORVETTE.

IT is said that a Russian corvette in the China waters has all her crew of 250 men armed with English Snider rifles, and that her great guns are all Armstrongs, "excelling in appearance anything ever seen in those waters before."—*Pioneer.*

INDIAN ITEMS.

NORTHERN INDIA.

COLONEL HUME, Her Majesty's 55th, who has commanded at Umballa, left this station yesterday, to resume charge of his corps and of the hill station of Chuckrata.—*Mofussilite*, Oct. 2.

A GENTLEMAN on the Staff of the *Ukbar Benares* hopes to go soon from Lahore to London in eight days; in fact, he is only waiting for the Emperor of Russia to open the "new road," which the writer says the Czar is contemplating "*via* the Baltic Sea." "O sirs," said the Ettrick shepherd, "but hope's just a gran' thing," but still we do not think the Emperor of Russia is justified in poking fun at the *Ukbar Benares*,—especially as it seemingly has not an Atlas handy for reference.—*Pioneer*, Oct. 4.

IN the *Julwatore*, a native paper published at Meerut, Mr. Gladstone's opinion about the Umballa conference and what passed at it is quoted, to the effect "that the Ameer Shere Ali should keep up a firm friendship with the British; and while showing no regard for the Russians, should not be exactly at enmity with them." It is further said, that the Russians, when they heard the above opinion of the English Premier, were so displeased that they have levied a tax of 30 per cent. upon all British goods. The writer adds,—"Perhaps the English Government will act upon this, or perhaps it will be silent on this point." The *Julwatore* is almost as oracular as Bunsby in *Dombey and Son*, and should have added further—"The bearings of these remarks lies in the application of them."—*Ibid.*

BENGAL.

THE Bengal Government have sanctioned a grant-in-aid to the Baptist Mission established at Bengurriah in the Sonthal Pergunnahs, for the support of the school and work-shops established there, on the same terms as those upon which grants have been made to the Agents of the Church Missionary Society at Taljhere. This mission is managed by three gentlemen, a Norwegian, a Dane, and an Englishman, formerly an officer in the army, who live there with their families.—*Pioneer*, Oct. 4.

THE butchers of Calcutta—or rather the miserable wretches who go by that respectable term—are threatening a strike. The cause of the threatened strike is something to do with the new slaughter-house regulations. We hear it said that several of the butchers in Dhurrumtollah Bazaar are men of substance, and can count their gains by more than a lac of rupees. This only shows to what extent the householders of Calcutta are victimised. Oh! for a system such as is adopted in France—of the authorities regulating the price of ordinary articles of food. Where rascality so much abounds, a check such as this seems highly desirable.—*Englishman's Weekly Journal.*

MADRAS.

HOMEWARD BOUND.—The following is a list of passengers to London by the Star of India which leaves tomorrow morning (Oct. 2):—Mrs. Holloway; Mrs. Jenning; Mrs. Worsop and two children; Mrs. Gompertz and three children; Captain R. F. W. Jennings; Lieutenant Pullin, H. M.'s 16th Lancers; Dr. H. Walker, 2nd Battalion 19th Foot; Mr. H. Gompertz; Mr. A. T. Page; Lieutenant Trotter, H. M.'s 2-19th Regiment; and Corporal M. Sweatman, 16th Lancers.—*Madras Times.*

OUR DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.—Sir Barnes Peacock and Mr. Justice Phear, of Cambridge as well as Calcutta celebrity, are, we are told, staying at the Elphinstone Hotel.—*Madras Athenæum*, Oct. 1.

YET ANOTHER PUNKAH!—The owner of a couple of initials—G. D. in fact—who lives at Kamptee, has written to us that he has "invented a machine to pull punkahs in barracks, and that he is prepared to submit a model of this machine to any one who shall intimate the same to him.—*Ibid*, Sept. 30.

RIOTOUS CONDUCT.—We are informed that a European woman in the Fort, the other day, broke loose from her husband's surveillance, being a *non compos mentis*, and ran into the house of a respectable family, and there slapped the cheeks of one of the young ladies who was practising on the piano at the time. On being questioned as to the propriety of her conduct, she replied, that she heard the young lady, who is a blessed Catholic, was to marry a heretic Protestant. This created a hubbub in the Fort.

AN OVERLAND JOURNEY FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO NEW YORK.

A LADY who has recently arrived at Barslem, after accomplishing the journey from San Francisco to New York by the new Pacific Railway, has courteously placed her diary at our disposal, which we proceed to lay before our readers, not doubting that it will be read with interest :—

We arrived in San Francisco on the 7th of May, having come from New Zealand, *via* Tahiti and the Sandwich Islands. A few days after our arrival, the celebration of the laying of the rail—at the junction of the Union and Central Pacific Railroads—took place, and three days afterwards, on the 12th, we left San Francisco, taking the river steamer to Vallejo, and thence by rail to Sacramento. There we met a party of ladies and gentlemen, who had that morning arrived from Omaha ; and their reports of the journey were much more favourable than those we had read in the San Francisco papers. They gave us some hints, too, as to what we should find useful on the way—such as a supply of food, tea, etc.—for that part of the road, where we should be unable to procure it. Our party consisted of seven. We had a common stock of provisions—sardines, biscuits, cheese, etc., and each of us was supplied with a tin "pannikin," plates, and spoon, which did us good service by the way. Our train left Sacramento at 6 a.m. The cars were full of passengers, about forty of whom we found were bound for the East, the rest were mostly on their way to "White Pine"—a mining district newly opened in Nevada, said to be very rich in silver. After crossing the Sacramento river, the line runs through rich park-like scenery, the landscape dotted all over with the Californian oak, and the luxuriant grass full of wild flowers of bright and varying colours. I noticed the calliopsis, larkspur, eschscholtzia, lupin, and poppy, in great masses ; and there were many more, which I could not identify. The tree lupin was in full flower, and very beautiful. California is richer in flowers than any country I have seen. After twenty-two miles ride we came to Rocklin, a pretty little town, the quarries of which supply Sacramento and San Francisco with granite for building purposes. At the station was a regiment of soldiers just arrived from the East. They had a fine band with them, which played Schubert's "Leise flehen" as we stopped. The nut pine we met with first here ; it abounds in the Sierra Nevadas, and its nuts are a great article of food with the Indians. Nine miles further on—through a pleasant country of gentle hills and valleys—we came to Newcastle, where we had a magnificent view of a vast wooded and cultivated plain and beyond it the Sierra Nevadas ; five miles more brought us to Auburn—well named after the poet's "sweet village of the plain." It is the centre of a large agricultural district, and has three good-sized churches, and many pretty cottages in the midst of orchards and gardens. There are some vineyards, too, which seem to promise a rich harvest.

From Clipper Gap, the next station, to Colfax, is the steepest grade of the Central Pacific line, in commencing the ascent of the Sierra Nevadas ; the summits of which, capped with snow, we saw before us in the distance. The line of road ascends here 116 feet to the mile. Colfax was formerly the centre of a large mining district ; on each side the line, along the bed of a mountain stream, are traces of gold-washing operations, now abandoned by the Americans and taken up by Chinamen, who are still able to work profitably. There is a splendid view here, across a wide valley ; in the distance between two high bluffs, dark with pines, are snowy mountain ranges. After leaving Colfax the line winds in and out round the mountain sides, and on a simple trestle work 115 feet high over a deep ravine; then round a high bluff called Cape Horn which rises abruptly out of the valley ; the railroad being cut 1,700 feet above its base. Looking out of the windows we could see nothing of the road beneath us, and seemed to be travelling through the air. The ravines below, in these apparently dangerous places, are so beautiful that we forgot all fear in the delight of gazing on them. Gold Run is the next station, and then Dutch Flat, in the valley, with the America river running through it; here, too, the scenery was very fine, the steep mountain sides covered with pines ; far far below us, like a silver thread, the winding river. The settlers about here grow a great many strawberries of a very light pink colour, and at each stopping place they brought them round for sale, at 1s. 6d.and 2s. per pint.

And now we were fairly amongst the snow and the snow sheds—which are built to protect the line—over our heads, which was rather provoking as they always seemed to come at the finest points of view. There are from twenty-five to thirty miles of them, and the company intend to build twenty-five miles more. They are very strong, built of heavy timber, so as to resist the heaviest drifts ; as well as to shelter the line from the falls of snow. At Cisco, 5,911 feet above the level of the sea, we staid for dinner, and had what our American friends called "A good square meal." It was so pleasant afterwards to bathe one's hands and face in the cold mountain stream, and we felt a delight in being once more amongst the snow, not having seen it for six years. Two of our party had never seen it before. The ride on to "Summit," the next station, was grand—on high mountain ridges, the mountain streams swollen with the melting snow, bursting out continually in cascades, under the sheds hugnickes ; and often we would transgress against the railway laws and stand outside on the platform between the cars, so as by stooping to steal views under the sheds of the ravines below the line. In this way we got our first peep of the beautiful "Donnor Lake," one of the finest sights on the whole line. Summit Station is at an elevation of 7,042 feet. A few years ago, two large parties of emigrants were snow bound and starved to death here. In a little further on we got a full view of the lake. It is of an oblong shape, about five miles in length, steep mountain sides on each side of it, and the waters look from the heights of a deep lovely blue, which contrasts finely with the snowy peaks above. At the head of the lake, on a flat, is a village of log huts, occupied by labourers employed in cutting timber, which is sent on up a tramway to Truckee station.

The line descends rapidly again, and, after passing over the Truckee river on a long bridge of trestle work—the dark green waters foaming far below us—we arrived at the pretentious-looking little town of Truckee. The station was crowded with navvies, "roughs," Chinamen, and niggers, bound for White Pine. On each side the one long street, small wooden shanties bear ambitious names —there is the "Virginia Saloon," "Magnolia Theatre," "Bank Exchange," etc. However, in a short time no doubt there will be a fine city here, as the plain offers great facilities for building. The line runs alongside the river for a few miles till we reach Boca, which abounds in sawmills. We were told that the line turns eighty-one sawmills in it's course ; and these cut timber for the use of six hundred miles of the railroad. It is very picturesque here, on the other side of the river rugged rocks rise abruptly ; in one place having the formation of the front of a huge organ. Here we crossed the bounds of California and entered Nevada, still following the course of the Truckee, which, running through that state, empties itself into Pyramid Lake. The country now begins to look barren and dreary ; a few nut pines and great patches of a wild dwarf sunflower are the only objects that strike one's eye. At Ferdi, a few miles further on, we had to stay awhile to change one of the cars which was out of order ; so we were able to take a little walk ; and came upon a party of Indian squaws, seated on the ground in a circle, very much engrossed in a game of cards, while a papoose at the back of one of them was screaming unheeded. They told us they belonged to the Washoe tribe. They were very dirty, dressed in remnants of European garments ; many strings of beads round their necks. On the small houses here we read "Meadow Lake Saloon," "Verdi House," "Fruit things," which we supposed implied what the Americans call "can fruits." After leaving Verdi the country becomes still barer, the hills covered with wild sage bushes, on past Reno, till we reach "Clarke's, a pleasant green spot with an hotel and farm. About dusk we reached Wadsworth, where we had a good supper. It is already quite a town, but very ugly, the country round is so uninteresting too.

On getting back to our places in the car, we were disappointed to find part of the room we had had so far, appropriated, and most likely to be occupied for the night. These cars are not so comfortable as the better English second-class carriages would be for sleeping in ; and we had no hope of the regularly sleeping cars—which are very comfortable—for three nights to come. We had to make the best of it—I lying on the seat, which was very short, and my husband in a half-sitting posture, on rugs on the floor in front of my bench. Nobody slept very much ; but just as I had got into a nice little sleep, the wretched boy, who had come through the cars at intervals all the day before with cigars, pea-nuts, etc., for sale, rushed through, shouting "twenty minutes for breakfast, ladies and gentlemen." We thought we had got through the night in a wonderfully quick manner ; but, to our disgust, on asking what time it was we were told "one a.m." A few sleepless individuals took a meal, the majority of us, feeling greatly injured, turned over to try and sleep again. Again, at three a.m., the farce was repeated, and this time almost all threats were lavished on the wretched boy ; and sleep forsook us altogether. Fortunately, we were passing over the dreariest part of the road during the night. Humboldt plains, a dreary desert of sage bushes, dry bones scattered all over it ; a glimpse of Humboldt Lake we caught through the darkness—Orvana, Humboldt city, Mill city, and Winnemucca, but it was too dark to distinguish anything of these places, as it rained heavily. This rain was very fortunate for us, it settled the sand and black dust, which we had been told was fearful in crossing the desert here. The morning toilet was a very partial and rough one. We stood outside on the platform of the car and washed our faces and hands, as the train proceeded, by turns out of our little tin cups, and those of us who insisted on brushing our teeth, were looked upon by the unwashed majority with great amusement.

At Argenti, an old staging station, we had breakfast ; this desolate place had the pleasantest, neatest girls as waiters that we saw anywhere on the line. We were surprised, too, to find steaks, chops, hotcakes, &c., so abundant in the desert. A little further on we came to some very romantic scenery, following the course of the Humboldt river, till we reached Beowawe, which was quite a large village of tents, occupied by the Chinamen at work on the line. They were just then all busy making a shorter road for the line across a swamp. The Californian part of the line has been made entirely by Chinamen, with whom the wages of a dollar a day go a long way. They work very quietly and well under their American overseers. A few dirty Indians were hanging about the tents, picking up what they could. Across the swampy plain we got a very fine view of snowy mountains. After passing it, the line and river run side by side between perpendicular rocks, and come out again on swampy flat land, where we saw some hot-water springs steaming up ; on a tent near them we read "Warm Springs," in large letters. Near to it one was an encampment of emigrants, with their waggons, called "prairie schooners," and a troop of horses feeding. Gravelly Ford was our next stopping place. Here a crowd of Indian women came up to our train, and begged, in broken English, for two bits (a bit in California is sixpence,) and pointed, with ludicrously piteous grimaces, to the fat papooes at their backs. We threw out biscuits, cheese, cake, &c., to them, and some pictures, which pleased them much. The men were better clothed than the women, high felt hats, with gilt ornaments and feathers, seemed greatly in vogue amongst them, and they seemed to leave the begging to the women ; no doubt, like our more civilised vagabonds, sharing the results in private. This was quite an assuming place ; there were the "Pacific Brewery ;" "Mr. B. Merchant tailor," Dr. Ebb, "The Oasis," and "Capital" —all small tents, with the names printed in large paper letters. We were often reminded, in this part of our journey, of Dickens's "flourishing city of Eden."

Beyond Gravelly Ford the river gets narrow again ; and, as the road was very bad in some parts here, we were obliged to go slowly, which gave us an opportunity of noting many little beauties along the river banks. There were many pretty little birds, and the willows were full of their hanging nests ; many swallows, which had built in colonies on the faces of the rocks ; clusters of bright crimson flowers on the light stony soil, looking like "portulaceæ :" and the formations of rock were often very curious. Looking beyond the valley, we had a fine view of the Humboldt mountains. At Elko the passengers for White Pine left us. There was a crowd of roughlooking men here ; but we managed to get a good dinner, which we ate with more zest from the fact that it was the last regular meal we should be able to make for two or three whole days. Then we had to change carriages and had a great skirmish for seats—showing one another, I fear, very little politeness about it. The country after this was flat and barren. About six p.m. we came to a very pretty little settlement amongst some dwarf cedars, called Cedar Pass. There were about two hundred and fifty horses and many big waggons, used to draw fuel to supply the engines, at rest for the night ; further on we saw many groups encamped around bright fires, looking very picturesque as the darkness came on. We made our first pic-nic meal here in the cars on sardines, biscuits, and preserved peaches. It created quite a little excitement ; there was the making of the tea, and afterwards the difficulties of dish-washing were not few. I regret to have to say that on one occasion (fortunately towards the end of our journey) we lost our teapot. We had given it to a boy at a station to procure hot water to infuse our tea, and given him a shilling for his trouble. The stupid lad brought it back with cold water ; we sent him back with it, but, before he had time to return to us, the train moved on. Our disappointment may be imagined. Near Cedar Pass are some warm springs, called "Independence Springs."

The second night passed as the previous one ; in the morning we were in the Great Salt Lake Desert. The sun rose very finely over the lake ; and we all looked round us with great interest. The waters are of a very beautiful deep colour ; the mountains on the opposite side, capped with snow, look very grand. The view was a pleasant relief to the eye, after the dreary waste of sand and alkali we were passing over. The whole of this desert, as well as the plains of Laramie and Wyoming, are covered more or less with alkali, which makes the water very injurious to man and beast. Fortunately we had been warned of this, and taken with us some light Californian wine to drink. Others, who had not done so, suffered in consequence. At Promontory Point we changed trains. This is the point where the Central and Union Pacific lines meet ; there was great excitement amongst the passengers running to see where the last rail was laid. This had been done with much ceremony six days previously, and the event celebrated with great rejoicings throughout the United States. A few miles further on we came to the Great Salt Lake Valley, and had a magnificent view of the lake from its north head. A fine foreground of rocks, below it the valley and lake, and beyond these the snow-covered mountains. It was one of the grandest views we had yet seen. We could trace Brigham Young's road for many miles through the valley, and saw many large waggons travelling over it. The line here runs over some very dangerous-looking trestle-work, very fearful to look out upon, as the train passes slowly over ; and, knowing these bridges to be as yet so untried, we could not help feeling very nervous till we were safely across. Down in the valley below there were the remains of three villages, with the ominous names of "Blue Ruin," "Dead Fall," and "Last Chance." They had been occupied by a gang of desperadoes and roughs, who followed up the labourers on the line of railroad, gambled with them, and lived by plunder and murder. Now that the line is so far completed, they have gone on to White Pine diggings. It would be impossible to give a sufficiently strong idea of the atrocities and murders they have committed along the line. There are graveyards at every little village, and it has been estimated that only one out of every fifteen buried in these lawless regions died a natural death. These three villages in the Salt Lake Valley had been deserted just the day before our arrival. Dead Fall took its name from the murder of a poor young man there. The ruffians would stand at their doors and fire, for amusement, on any passers-by. In this case a great number of them turned out at Blue Ruin, and told the poor fellow to run for his life, they firing on him as he ran. He turned on them and shot four of their number before he fell himself. A young man, in our car, told us that a few days before, he was travelling along the valley in a waggon with some others. A few men came up and used bad language to them. A man, sitting behind, answered in the same strain, and was immediately shot through the shoulder. Every tent in these three villages was either a gambling house or a drinking saloon. At "Corinne" the conductor of our train locked the doors of the cars, as he said, "to keep out the Dead-heads." These are men who force their way into the cars and get passages without paying. We stayed at this place thirty minutes, and some of the passengers got a wretched dinner there, but we were thankful to have our own food, in the cars. Even the clerks in the ticket and telegraph offices had each a loaded revolver on the desk before him, and not a single man went unarmed. This again was full of sand and alkali we were passing over. 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